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DR. MARY MI TING FREED

Tientsin, To-day.

Dr. Mary Mi-ting, Superintendent of the Peiyang Women's Hospital, who was arrested about two weeks ago by the Japanese military authorities, no reason being disclosed, has been released.

Seen by Reuter shortly after she had been freed, at noon yesterday, she declined to make any comment on her arrest or detention. — Reuter.

SWATOW'S OLDEST FOREIGN RESIDENT PASSES

Swatow, To-day.

Dr. Brangwin, Swatow's oldest foreign resident, died from heart failure yesterday.

The funeral takes place to-day. — Our Own Correspondent.

CLOUDY WEATHER

The Royal Observatory reports that weak anti-cyclones cover China and the Pacific to the S.E. of Japan. A depression is moving north-east over the eastern part of the Eastern Sea. Forecast:— N.E. and E. winds, light to moderate; cloudy.

British Aircraft Production Now 400 a Month

London, To-day.

British output of military planes which now exceeds 400 monthly is within measurable distance of equalling the German rate of production.

This statement is made by the "Daily Telegraph's" aviation correspondent, who declares that official reticence about the progress of rearmament had led foreign observers to under-estimate recent great strides.

Although little had been heard of the British counter-offensive bombing force, the Air Ministry was actually strengthening the composition and reserves of this force speedily.

The regular Air Force now has

5,800 trained pilots and 1,800 under instruction, while, including the various Air Force reserves but excluding the Civil Air Guard, the number of pilots qualified for military duties would soon approach 10,000. — Reuter.

Perpignan, To-day.

Scenes of frightful panic were witnessed in the one kilometre long tunnel between the Spanish frontier town Fort Bou and the French town Cerbere.

Because of a rumour that National Spanish troops had landed at Fort Bou and were occupying the town, militiamen, and a large number of civilians, men, women, and children, fled in panic into the tunnel, endeavouring to reach the French border.

Within a few minutes, horrible scenes occurred, when women and children were brutally trampled, upon in the wild rush through the completely dark tunnel, which was immediately blocked by a mass of struggling humanity.

There are, as yet, no figures available, as to the number of fugitives having crossed into France.

It is known, however, that on Saturday alone 15,000 persons crossed the border, and on Saturday night between 30,000 and 40,000 fugitives were still waiting at the frontier.

It is obviously impossible to gain accurate information from the refugees, many reports contradicting one another.

It seems, however, probable, that the report, according to which the Foreign Minister, Del Vayo ordered police and militia to prevent officials, officers and politicians, from crossing the frontier, is true to some extent. — Trans-Ocean.

HONG KONG FAIL IN FAR EAST TROPHY SHOOT

London, To-day.

At the Bisley meeting, it is announced, the Federated Malay States, with a score of 767, won the aperture sight section in the Far East trophy match for 1938.

The Straits Settlements were second 759, followed by Ceylon 724, and Hong Kong 719.

The Open Sight section was won by the Straits Settlement with a score of 700, the Federated Malay States were next with 641 followed by Hong Kong with 641 followed by Ceylon with 619. — Reuter.

WOMAN IN ASIA HOTEL RAID FROM NEW YORK

As a sequel to the raid carried out on Friday night at the Asia Hotel by Miss P. Harrop of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs during which an American girl was found on the premises, three persons were charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, with exercising control and influence over the movements and actions of a prostitute by the name of Tam Lin-chui, alias Yuet Ming, alias Helen Wong.

The defendants were Wong Chat-mui, aged 45, a married woman, residing at No. 5, Wo Fung Street, formerly of New York, Chan Fa Yuen, aged 52, a married woman, of No. 3, Possession Street, and Wong Kong.

Inspector E. G. Post was in charge of the case and asked for a week's adjournment, saying a considerable amount of papers had to be translated.

Concerning the girl, it is understood that the authorities are making arrangements for her future welfare.

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POPE SENSATION

Growing Fascist Hostility May Force His Holiness To Leave Rome

VATICAN TO SYDNEY?

Increasing hostility by Fascists in Italy, backed by Anti-Clerical Hitler, towards the Roman Catholic Church, may lead to one of the most remarkable events in Christian history.

The Pope may be forced to leave Rome, and to have the Vatican centred in some country where Totalitarian influence does not exist.

For some months, Roman Catholic clergy and laymen, the world over, have been seriously discussing this possibility.

GENERAL ELECTION THIS YEAR

London, January 21.

"It is possible that there will be a General Election this year."

This statement was made today by Sir Douglas Hacking, Chairman of the Conservative Party, writing in the organ of the Junior Imperial League.—Reuter.

IMPORTANT BERLIN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Berlin, To-day.

The Czech Minister of Commerce is expected here next week for an important series of economic talks.

It is understood that the main question to be considered is the problem of ending competition between Czech and Sudeten industries.

Trade talks are also in progress between Germany and Russia but it is emphasised strongly that only formalities are concerned and no extension or reduction or alteration of the present agreement is contemplated.—Reuter.

DEATH OF DR. J. S. GUZDAR

The funeral of Dr. J. S. Guzdar, whose death at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday came as a severe shock to a wide circle of friends, is to take place this afternoon at 5.15 p.m.

Dr. Guzdar, who was assistant to the Professor of Pathology at the Hong Kong University, had a brilliant scholastic career. He was himself a graduate of the Hong Kong University.

Dr. Guzdar was born in Hankow and was a student of the Thomas Hanbury School, Shanghai, before entering the University. He was, in addition to being an outstanding scholar, a fine all-round sportsman. He leaves a widow with whom the deepest sympathy will be felt.

Should the Pope decide that Italy is no longer a country fit for him to live in, where would he re-establish the Vatican?

A message from an Australian correspondent reveals that leading Roman Catholics in the Commonwealth are planning to provide a new Papal headquarters in Sydney, N.S.W., should Mussolini force the Pope to leave the land of his predecessors.

Five hundred years ago, when Italy was ravaged by war, the Papacy found sanctuary at Avignon, France. It is felt, with good reason, that France, no longer a Catholic State, would not be able to offer the same welcome to-day.

The United States is the only other country, apart from the South American Republics, where Catholics are sufficiently numerous for the Pontiff to be invited to make a new home.

But there forces so violently hostile to the Church of Rome in the United States that the Government would be greatly embarrassed by the suggestion that they should send an invitation to His Holiness.

MOVEMENT IN AUSTRALIA

But in Australia circumstances are different. Of the total population of the Dominion, no fewer than one-third are Roman Catholics.

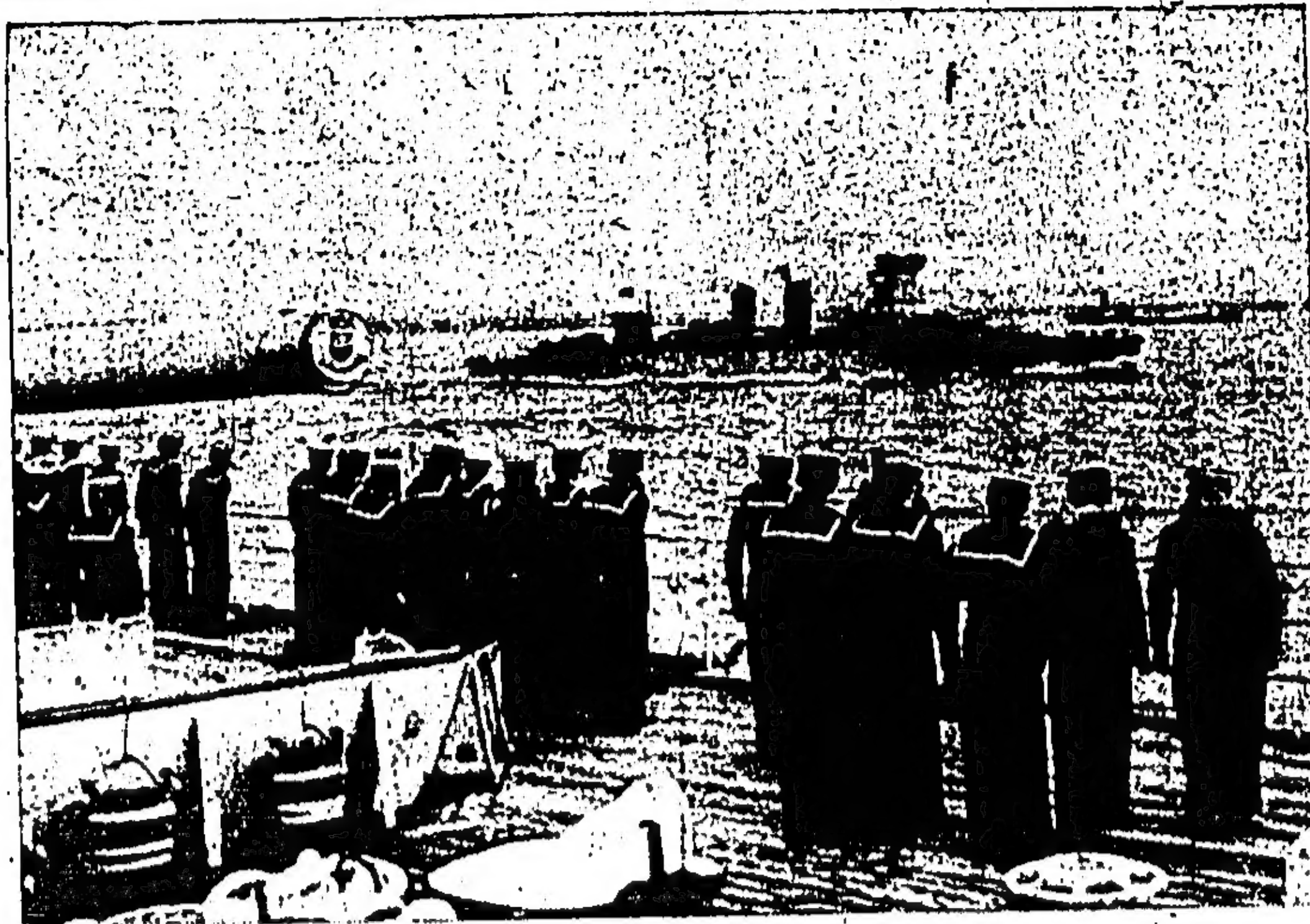
They fill half the official posts, are powerful both in commerce and in the professions, and the Premier, Mr. J. A. Lyons, is himself a Catholic.

The strength of the movement in Australia for the transference of the Vatican to Sydney may be gauged from the fact that the Archbishop, Monseignor Gilroy, and the Papal Legate, Cardinal Panico, attended a secret meeting at Sydney to sound the opinion of the leading laymen of the Church.

At Westminster Cathedral neither confirmation nor denial of these facts was offered. It was, however, frankly admitted that, while the departure of the Pope from Rome was still a "hypothetical question," it was being earnestly discussed in British Catholic circles.

There is no doctrinal reason why the Pope should be in Rome. As a prominent Catholic said: "Rome is the traditional centre of the Church, and there is a sanctity through the long association of the Vatican with the Holy City," but there is nothing to prevent the Pope making his home elsewhere, if circumstances so dictate.

"Australia, in my opinion, would be a wise choice."



Every morning Spanish insurgent cruisers and a minesweeping flotilla proceed to sea from Palma—the latter to sweep the channels into Palma. This picture was taken from a British warship on patrol in Spanish waters and the crew watches with interest the comings and goings of the Spanish waters. Photo shows the Spanish insurgent cruiser "Navarra" leaving Palma for a raid—or just a cruise—who knows. (Picture passed by Admiralty).

U.S. POLITICIAN DENOUNCES FASCIST PROPAGANDISTS

Topeka (Kansas), Jan. 22.

A firm denunciation of German and Italian methods of propaganda in South America and an appeal in favour of national and continental unity to face the military and economic threat of totalitarian states, were included in a powerful address here last night by Mr. Alfred Landon, former Governor of Kansas and Republican candidate in the last presidential elections.

"We are citizens before being Republicans or Democrats," he said.

TROUBLED WORLD

A troubled situation prevails throughout the world and this should cause the creation of a solid American front, Mr. Landon added. For this reason, he chose to support President Roosevelt in his foreign policy, and to be a member of the American delegation to the Pan-American conference in Lima.

The result of the Lima conference was the declaration of inter-continental solidarity and the principles it included.

Mr. Landon stressed the reports on the extent of totalitarian propaganda in Latin America, which were not exaggerated.

"INTRIGUES DANGEROUS"

"Propaganda and 'intrigues' as dangerous as they are astonishing are directed against us and our democratic ideals in these states," he continued. "American news agencies are doing their utmost to maintain our position. However, Italian and German news agencies offer their service to South American newspapers at practically no cost whatsoever. The Nazi and Fascist Governments are paying for the expenses."

He expressed regret that the United States was not doing enough to make herself better known in the other American states.

Mr. Landon then refuted the contention that there was some resemblance between European and South American dictators.

"No American nation has reduced its citizens to the rank of slaves as was done in Russia, Germany, and Italy," he said.

BETTER COMPREHENSION

He declared that the Lima Con-

ference had laid the foundation for better comprehension between American republics.

"Close relations between these states are of imperative necessity for the safety of the Republican form of Government on this continent," he said. "A battle practically to the death is going on between all democracies and totalitarian states. This is an economic war based on new methods of economic penetration. These new methods are as dangerous for representative governments as new war machine. If the democracies suffer a defeat, their specific defects will not be responsible. It would be because the democratic nations did not know how to wage a conflict vigorously and fearlessly. It would be because America had refused to admit realities.—Havas.

U.S. STOPS SALE OF JAPANESE BONDS IN HAWAIIAN ISLES

Washington, Jan. 21.

The Treasury has stopped the sale in Hawaii of Japanese Government Bonds.

The bonds were issued to cover a Yen 1,000,000 loan.

Those which had already been sold in the island will be repaid to subscribers. The sum amounts to \$56,000.—Havas.

NEW FRENCH NAVAL CHIEF IN FAR EAST

Paris, Jan. 21.

Rear-Admiral Decoux, of the Toulon General Staff, was to-day promoted to the rank of vice-admiral and was appointed new commander-in-chief of the French Far Eastern Fleet.

Rear-Admiral Terraux was named commander-in-chief of the naval forces in Indo-Chinese waters.—Havas.

Berlin Silent On Hitler Speech

No Inkling Of Reply To Bonnet And Chamberlain

CONFERENCE ON SPAIN PROPOSAL NOT FAVOURED

Berlin, To-day.

The intense interest with which Hitler's Reichstag speech to-day is awaited in Germany is enhanced by a complete silence observed by official quarters on the possible contents of this speech, which in the general belief, will be of greatest importance.

Informed quarters in Berlin are certain that proposals for an international conference on Spain as suggested by M. Bonnet on Thursday, will find little response in Germany.

It is pointed out that, after the fall of Barcelona, the decision in Spain has already definitely gone in favour of General Franco.

Demands voiced in some French papers for occupation of Minorca by France as a safety measure against Italian troops remaining in Spain after the war's end are rejected in no uncertain manner.

"Berliner Tageblatt" and other German papers, commenting on M. Bonnet's speech, regret that, to all appearances, he did not draw the inevitable political consequences arising from the perfectly clear military situation in Spain.

RECOGNITION OF FACTS

The "Berliner Tageblatt" adds: "The past has shown that hesitation to recognize facts has not helped to lessen controversies. The diplomats of the western Powers have always waited and always were late."

Other papers criticizing M. Bonnet declare that he spoke as "if nothing had changed in Eastern

Europe since Munich and as if the old French system of collective security against Germany could still be continued."—Trans-Ocean.

NANKING PUPPET OFFICIAL SHOT IN SHANGHAI

Chungking, To-day.

Adding another name to the list of puppet officials victims of assassins, an unidentified Chinese youth entered the Sun Sun Hotel on Nanking Road in Shanghai and shot and killed Ma Yuhang, secretary-general of the bogus Nanking Municipal Government, at seven o'clock last night.

An alarm was raised by the Hotel and police of the Shanghai Municipal Council hurried to the scene. No clue was found.

Ma, who was fatally wounded, was rushed to the Lester Hospital for treatment, but died at about nine o'clock.

Ma was a Fukienese, and arrived in Shanghai from Nanking on January 23. — Central News.

SECRET RADIO

Paris, Jan. 22.

A secret foreign wireless station has been broadcasting at 8.00 p.m. for the past few days, opening with the announcement: "This is the broadcasting station of free Corsica" and demanding independence for Corsica, the *Jour L'Echo de Paris* reported this morning. — Havas.

FRENCH ARMY SENDS GENERAL TO SOMALILAND

Paris, Jan. 20.

General Louis Legentilhomme, former commander of the French forces in Indo-China, was to-day appointed commander of the French troops in Somaliland.

This marks the first occasion on which a military leader the rank of a general has been sent to French Somaliland. — Havas.

POOTUNG CLASHES

Chungking, To-day.

Guerillas operating in Pootung, opposite Shanghai, have intensified their activities and launched simultaneous attacks on a number of villages. The Japanese suffered serious casualties. — Central News.

3,000 AMERICANS HALT LOADING OF IRON FOR JAPAN

Long Beach, Cal. Jan. 21.

Three thousand demonstrators, including many Chinese, paraded through the streets here to-day bearing posters with inscriptions such as "Don't Soil American Hands With Chinese Blood" and "Thou Shalt Not Kill."

The manifestation was organized during the loading of iron on a vessel bound for Japan.

The loading was interrupted but no incidents took place.

The demonstration was sponsored by a group which is demanding the cessation of iron shipments to Japan. — Havas.

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FRAUD ALLEGATIONS IN CLAIM AGAINST LOCAL INSURANCE COMPANY

A claim for \$30,906.23 (being the rateable proportion of loss and damage to goods in a fire on January 7, 1938, against the China Underwriters, Limited, of No. 4A, Des Voeux Road Central) was instituted by Cheong Shing Hong, a Chinese firm of No. 31, Bonham Strand West, in the Supreme Court this morning.

The case is being heard by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, and is expected to last a month. Messrs. El-don Potter, K. C. and H. C. MacNamarra, instructed by Mr. E. Davidson, appear for plaintiff firm; while the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, junior, and Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. O. E. C. Marton, are for defendants.

Plaintiff firm's goods were insured against loss and damage by fire, by policies with defendant company and other insurance companies to a total of \$150,000.

On January 7, 1938, goods stored in plaintiff's godown at No. 103, Connaught Road West were damaged by fire.

GODOWN FIRE

Mr. Potter said plaintiffs were commission agents, started back in 1906, and dealt in marine produce on a commission basis.

The proprietor was Wong Yuen-tong, a director of the Bank of Asia. It was admitted, added Counsel, that a fire

did break out in plaintiff's godown on January 7, 1938, and it was also undisputed that a quantity of goods to the value of between \$70,000 to \$80,000 were damaged or destroyed.

Mr. Potter said defendant company alleged that the claim was fraudulent, and was made on goods which were not in the godown when the fire occurred. Defendants also alleged that the price claimed was higher than the market price at the time of the fire.

Mr. Potter pointed out that the charge of fraud was a very serious one.

The case, added Counsel, was unique in that, of the 137 items forwarded in the claim, 127 were alleged to be fraudulent by defendant firm. The fire took place on January 7. The following day plaintiff started to prepare the claim which was completed on January 9 and forwarded to defendant firm on January 10.

NEW BOOKS?

Mr. Potter asked whether plaintiff could have forged new books in that period. Defendants, said Counsel, alleged fraud even to the extent of 20 cabbies of goods. If it was a fraud it was the crudest fraud, he pointed out. Four days after the fire the goods were checked and the 127 items which defendant firm alleged were not there, were found to be correct.

Referring to certain alterations in books, which defendant alleged were made for the purpose of claiming more than plaintiff was entitled to, Mr. Potter pointed out that the book concerned had many alterations in it, referring to reductions and other matters. Alterations on goods not concerned in the case could also be found in the book.

CORRESPONDED

How could it be fraud, asked Counsel, when the invoices and the advance notes from Kobe corresponded with the Weight and Price Book kept in Hong Kong.

Counsel admitted that the books had been very poorly kept and admitted that there were mistakes. But, stressed Mr. Potter, mistakes did not amount to fraud, as it could be proved that the mistakes, which defendant company alleged were frauds, were patently honest mistakes.

Mr. Potter stated that after studying the case, under no circumstances should the charge of fraud have been brought against his client. The case is continuing.

GERMANY AND THE CHAMBERLAIN SPEECH

Berlin, To-day.

Commenting on the British Premier's speech at Birmingham on Saturday, "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" observes that the attacks of the Opposition have not succeeded in inducing Mr. Chamberlain to desist from his policy of international understanding.

The paper stresses Mr. Chamberlain's statement that all "reasonable aspirations" are entitled to be satisfied and the paper sees in these words the opening of the possibility of reducing existing tension between France and Italy. —Trans-Ocean.

ILLEGAL LETTER CARRIER

A fine of \$40 or one month's hard labour was imposed on Chung Choi, 49, by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, when pleaded guilty to "infringing the exclusive privilege of the Post Master General by conveying 162 letters into the Colony."

The letters were found in his possession when he was arrested at the Po Tak wharf yesterday.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, Kong Fun, 30, was charged with attempting to steal a wallet from Mr. A. G. Clark, of the Colonial Secretary's Office.

Defendant said he accidentally bumped into complainant.

Mr. Clark, giving evidence, said that at about 3 p.m. on Saturday, in Queen's Road Central near the Queen's Theatre, defendant bumped into him. Defendant put his hand in his inner jacket pocket, and took hold of his wallet, with some hundred odd dollars in it. He caught defendant by the arm, and handed him over to a constable on duty.

Defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour.



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INDIA WANTS SEAT ON THE PALESTINE CONFERENCE

Bombay, To-day.

Mr. Jinnah, president of the All-India Moslem League, has cabled the Prime Minister urging that the Imperial Government give the League representation at London in the Palestine conference and asking that Arab national demands in Palestine be conceded.

The cable warns the Government that failure of the conference will have the most disastrous consequences throughout the Moslem world.

A similar message has been sent to Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary of State for the Colonies. — Reuter.

OPTIMISTIC FRENCH FINANCE MINISTER

Paris, Yesterday.

An optimistic speech on the political situation was delivered by the Minister of Finance, M. Paul Reynaud, before the Morocco Association last evening.

M. Reynaud declared that if the present international crisis led to a war, France would certainly be in position to survive the conflict. French unity was now a reality. France had no intention to capitulate to her difficulties.

The Minister of Finance expressed the view that French economic, in the course of the last economy, in course of the last few weeks, had become more stable and that further devaluation of the franc was no longer within the scope of possibility. France to-day was the only nation giving vagrant capital a secure refuge. A stream of gold had poured into France in the last few weeks. — Trans-Ocean.

EGYPTIAN TALKS WITH ITALY

Cairo, Yesterday.

The legal adviser to the Egyptian Government, Badaui Pasha, has drafted the basis for forthcoming negotiations with Italy.

The following subjects are to be broached: the question of the Libyan border, conclusion of a non-aggression pact and settlement of the problem of the Coptic Church in Ethiopia.

In addition, tripartite negotiations between Egypt, Britain and Italy are to be conducted regarding delimitation of the frontier between the Sudan and Italian East Africa, the Tana Lake question and the Nile Waters Agreement. — Trans-Ocean.

TANGANYIKA LEAGUE ACTIVITY

Nairobi, To-day.

East African Governments have been called upon by the Tanganyika League to counteract Nazi anti-British propaganda, strengthen police and political departments and declare Nazi organisations illegal. — Reuter.

"NANKING" BAN ON GOLD AND SILVER EXPORTS

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese paper "Mainichi," published here, declares that the reformed government in Nanking is preparing the strictest regulations forbidding exportation of gold, silver and copper as well as the circulation of groundless rumours concerning the financial situation in Central China.

Imprisonment not exceeding five years and fines not exceeding five thousand Chinese dollars will be applied to persons spreading false rumours, indulging in currency speculation and violating Government regulations in order to disturb financial conditions in areas under the Nanking Government's jurisdiction.

Persons exporting the above-mentioned metals without permission of the Nanking Government will incur similar penalties.

The paper adds that the Nanking Ministry of Finance will be authorised to issue orders to banks and other financial institutions for the purpose of enforcing the regulations. — Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE BANKS TO OPEN IN RANGOON

With the completion of the Yunnan-Burma Highway Chinese import and export firms and banks are contemplating establishing branches in Rangoon.

The Bank of China, of which Mr. T. V. Soong is the Chairman, established a branch in Rangoon on January 14, and others are contemplating following suit.

A conference between the leading Chinese banks in Hong Kong has been held to discuss the matter.

JEWISH REFUGEES TURNED AWAY

Belize (British Honduras), Yesterday.

The Executive Council of British Honduras has refused entry to eighty-three Jewish refugees who are now on their way here on board a German ship.

Reason for the ban is the local economic distress.

Miss F. R. Dickson, of No. 286 Prince Edward Road, lost a handbag and contents to the value of \$35, stolen from a counter at the Post Office on Friday.

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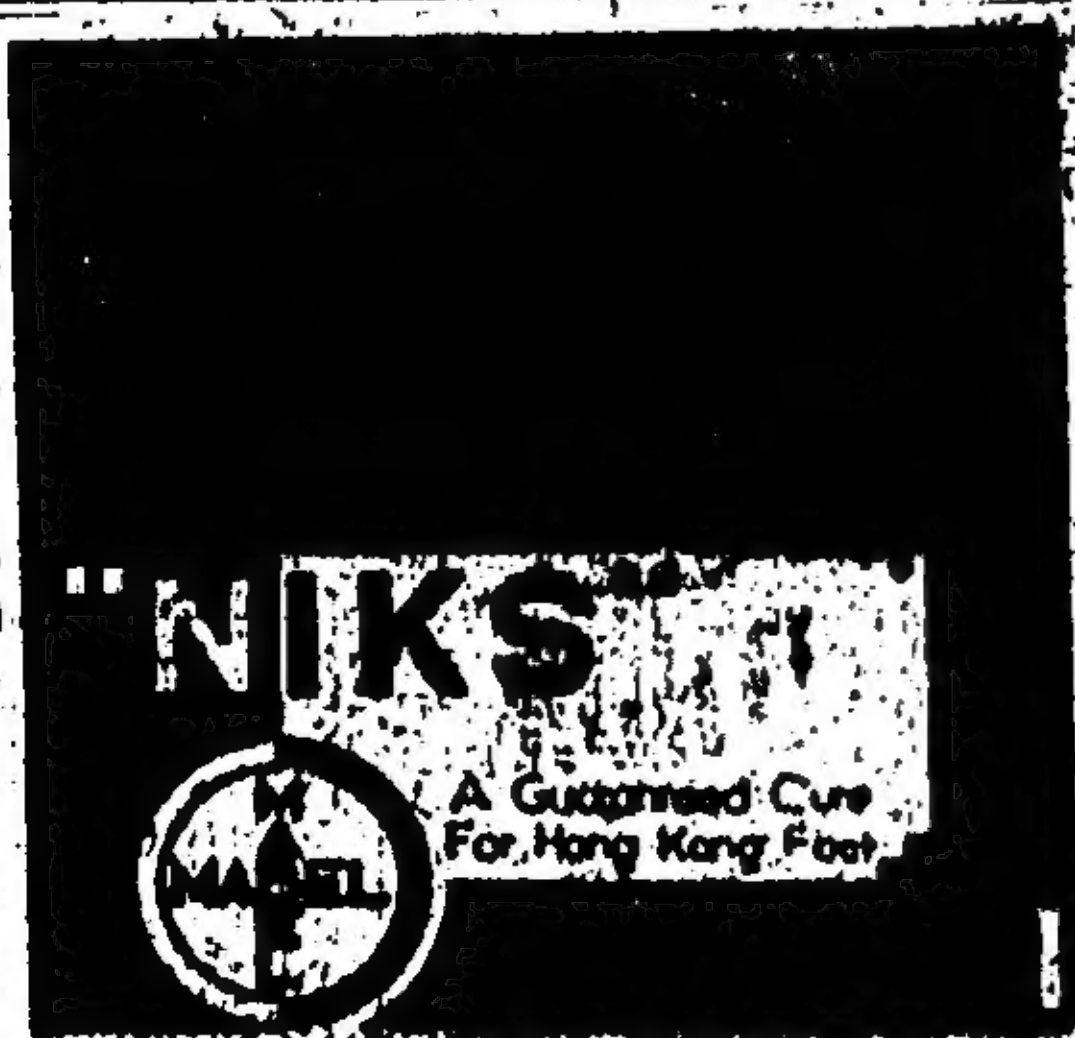
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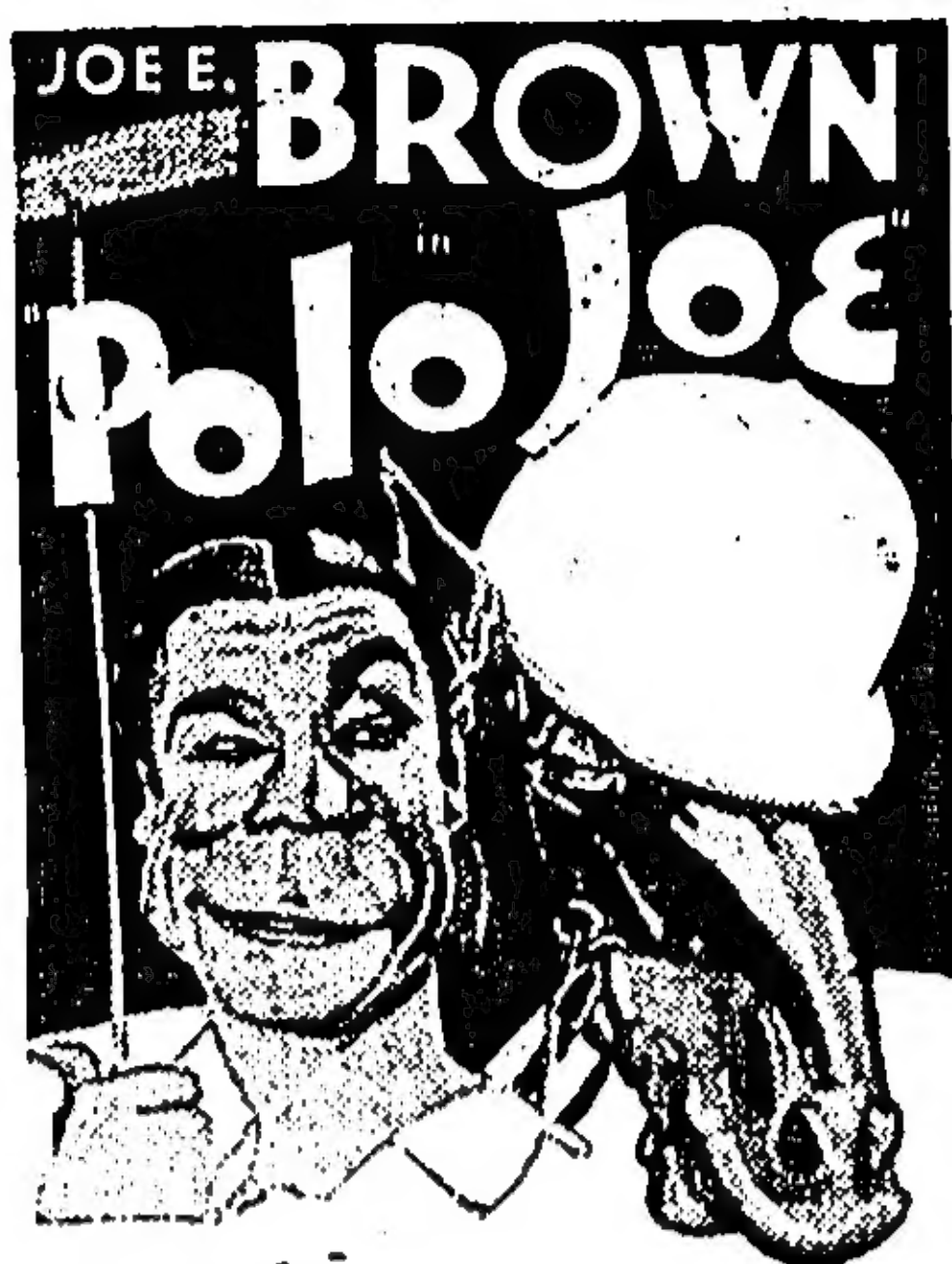
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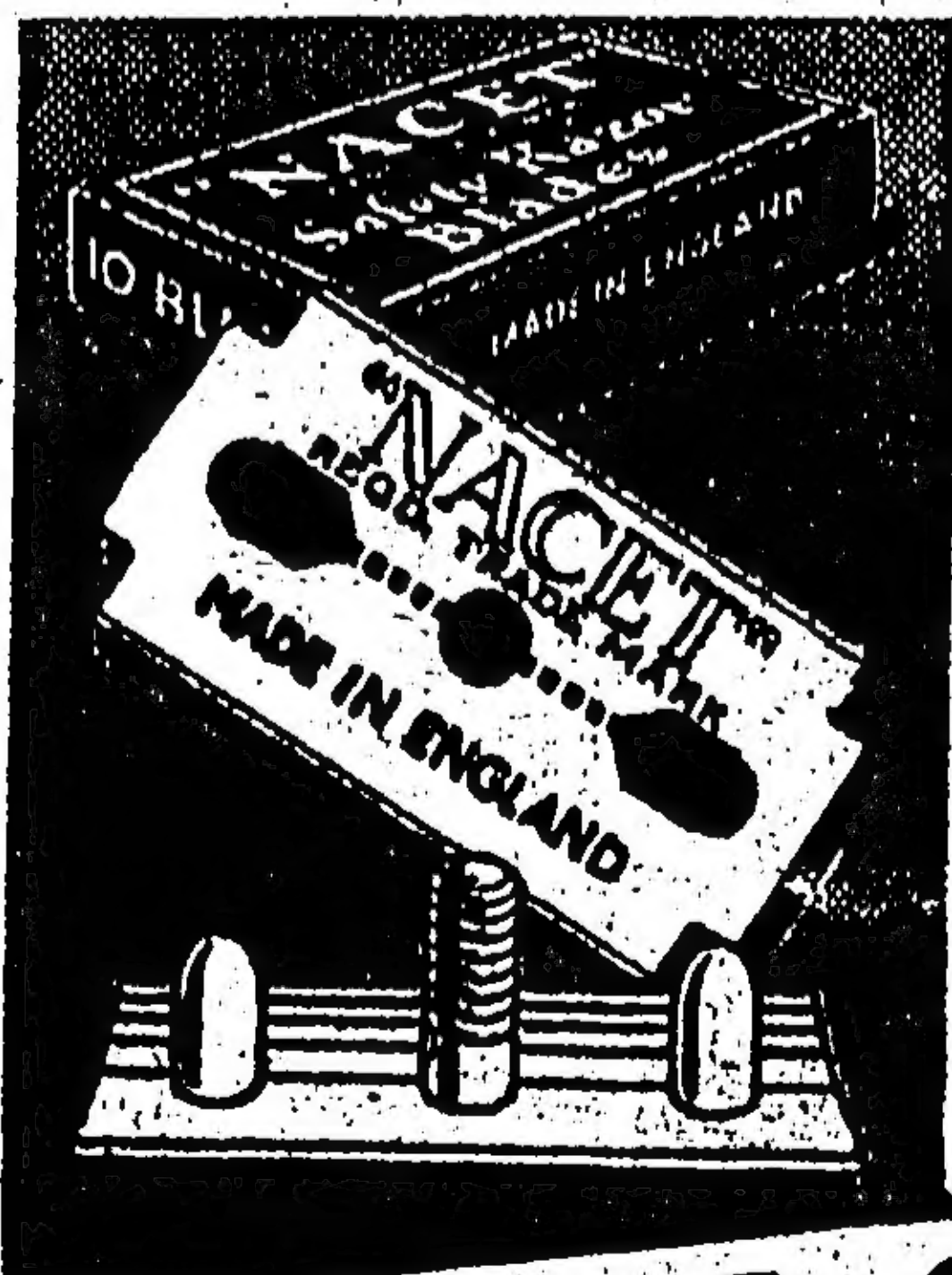
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"An epidemic of malaria prevails and 90 per cent. of the people are stricken with the fever"

"The people are still obsessed with fear of the Japanese, but the morale in general is still high"

These were a few of the statements made by an American gentleman who returned from a tour through Tamshui and Waichow districts during the week, traveling partly on foot, by boat and by motor-bus.

Tamshui, he said, had apparently been heavily bombed. No business houses have been left standing and only a few residences escaped destruction. The town, he added, is now a most desolate looking place. The people told him that the place burned for week being set on fire by bombs dropped by Japanese aircraft.

4,000 ON RELIEF

The pillars and walls of the burnt buildings were like charred hands being lifted up towards

heaven. There are about 4,000 women and children who are being clothed and fed by relief organisations.

He continued that he heard nothing of atrocities, but those who were forced to work for the Japanese received very little remuneration.

Two-thirds of the business houses in Waichow have been burned to the ground, but the streets are thronged with vendors displaying their wares on stalls and in baskets. The people have returned to the place after the Japanese evacuated but the city is not as thickly populated as before.

SWABUE LINK

Only rice and meat were expensive and there appeared to be any amount of kerosene. He was told, on making inquiries, that the kerosene came from Hoifung, the Chinese have apparently re-established communications with Swabue on the coast.

An epidemic of malaria fever prevails in the Waichow district, a large percentage of the people are stricken with the sickness and everywhere he saw pale yellow faces of malaria victims.

Quinine, quilts and warm clothing are urgently needed in the country. Fifty thousand quinine pills were recently taken up and distributed by the relief organisations.

FEAR PREVALENT

The people, he added, are still obsessed with fear of the Japanese. At the faintest rumour that Japanese were coming, they would hastily pack up their belongings and flee into the hills. Most of the male population have been enrolled in the militia and guerilla groups.

Buses are plying on the highways, and are always crowded. Most of the bridges on the East River have been destroyed. Between Tamshui and Lungkong 28 destroyed bridges were counted in a stretch of only 40 li.

The people are carrying their burdens bravely, he said, and no complaints were made about their hardships. The general impression given was that China must carry on her present campaign of guerilla warfare.

The morale of the people has not in this sense been affected.

FRANCE AND BURGOS

Paris, To-day.

The French press is engaged in a violent dispute regarding the appointment of a French diplomatic representative in Burgos.

M. Leon Blum, yesterday contributed an article which declared in a sharp language that the establishment of diplomatic relations with Nationalist Spain is out of the question.

Right Wing organs on the other hand declare that the moment has come when opening of diplomatic relations with Burgos can be no longer delayed.

"Le Matin" writes: "The late President Wilson once declared: What always struck me most about pacifists was their amazing stupidity. Their stupidity is surpassed only by that of our War Party."—Trans-Ocean.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND AXIS

Pressburg, To-day.

Czechoslovakia's adherence to the anti-Comintern Pact is demanded by the paper, "Slovak", chief organ of the Slovak People's Party.

The fundamental error of Czech foreign policy in pre-Munich days, says the paper, was the Prague believed that a distinction could be made between the Soviet Union and the Communist Internationale.

Czechoslovakia, however, was now beginning to realise that the foremost aim of Czech foreign policy must be to establish the closest cooperation with neighbouring States.—Trans-Ocean.

COMPELLED TO WITHDRAW

It is reported that the party of Japanese blue-jackets who landed at Onpo on Friday, were eventually compelled to withdraw by the Chinese coastal guards.

Several were killed and wounded. Many buildings were, however, damaged by shell fire.

HEAVY RAIN AND SNOW HOLD UP INSURGENT ADVANCE

Republicans Offering Little Resistance

Barcelona, To-day.

Nationalist troops continued their offensive operations on all sectors of the Catalan front yesterday in spite of heavy rain.

The Urgel Army Corps is now approaching the important town of Berga.

The loyalists are offering but little resistance, but operations of the Nationalist forces are considerably impeded by the fact that the region which must now be traversed offers serious natural obstacles to the advance since it consists of snow-covered mountains with but few roads, which are in extremely poor condition.

In the central sector, the insurgents occupied the town of Moya, junction of the roads to Manresa and Vich.

The Army Corps of General Yague continued along the coast but information regarding the position reached by the vanguard is not available. Bombing planes on Sunday raided the town of Alcoy in the province of Alicante. It is declared that about twelve important buildings were completely destroyed by the raiding planes.—Trans-Ocean.

"FINAL VICTORY AT HAND"

Burgos, Yesterday.

Addressing a large and enthusiastic crowd celebrating the liberation of Catalan Province, the National Spanish deputy chief and Foreign Minister, General Count Jordana, speaking from a balcony of the Government Palace, declared:

"After the victorious termination of the Nationalist Spanish offensive in Catalonia the Republican Government is no longer able to claim before their foreign friends and supporters that it is the legally authorised representative of the Spanish people."

General Jordana stressed the importance of the fall of Barcelona with regard to future developments in National Spanish foreign policy and influence which capture of the important stronghold and capital is bound to have on the foreign policy and general attitude of those foreign powers which are hostile towards National Spain.

Concluding, General Jordana shouted, "Thanks to the genius of General Franco our final victory is at hand."—Trans-Ocean.

REPUBLICAN H. Q.

Barcelona, To-day.

Although precise information is lacking, it is believed here that Republican headquarters in Catalonia is now in the little town Olot, situated to the north-east of Barcelona, some 20 kilometres from the French frontier.

Some Republican ministries are in Gerona and Figueras.

Most members of the Republican Government and all Republican leaders appear to be still in Spain or to have returned there after temporary absence in France.—Trans-Ocean.

LOYALIST CAMMINIQUE

Gerona, To-day.

The Republican defence ministry has published the following war bulletin: "Catalan front: Republicans repulsed enemy attacks east of Solsona and Manresa. Enemy suffered heavy loss. Severe fighting is now going on in Mataro district where Republican troops are putting up stubborn resistance.

Estremadura front: Enemy attacks in the Monte Rubic and Santo Veguna sectors were repulsed and two enemy airplanes shot down.

Nothing to report on other fronts."—Trans-Ocean.

"CIVIL WAR ENDED"

Rome, To-day.

"Popolo d'Italia" says that the Spanish civil war ended with the capture of Barcelona. What remains to be done is a police operation rather than a military operation, since the Government received a death blow in the immense loss of territory, human and material resources.

"Stampa" expresses a similar view. The paper discusses the economic policy of the Nationalists and points out that Franco has carefully prepared an extensive economic plan, the foremost aim of which is to free Spain, which hitherto, to a large extent, was controlled by an international plutocracy. The existence of a strong and independent Spain would be of enormous importance to Italy.

ALARM

"Gazetta del Popolo" criticises the alarming reports in papers of Democratic countries which allege that a victory for Nationalist Spain will endanger peace.

A free and independent Spain, says the paper, will not be a danger for any country, but it will be an important factor for the maintenance of peace and order in Europe and a new bulwark against the spread of communism. The paper rejects the suggestion that a four-power conference be held. A conference could only be held when order and security was completely restored to Spain.—Trans-Ocean.

STAR WITNESS IN N.Y. CASE FOUND SHOT

White Plains, New York, To-day.

George Weinberg has been found shot, apparently having committed suicide in the bathroom of the house rented by the District Attorney, Mr. Thomas Dewey, as a hideaway for his witnesses in the trial of the ex-Tammany Hall boss, Hines.

Weinberg was the prosecution's key witness. He lunched with Dixie Davis and Schoenhaus and the trio were preparing to take a drive in the country when Weinberg seized a revolver, went upstairs, a shot rang out and Weinberg was found dead.—Reuter.

CAMP FOR REFUGEES AT RICHBOROUGH

London, To-day.

One hundred refugee craftsmen are working at night to prepare the famous wartime camp at Richborough, Kent, as Britain's biggest refugee centre which will have its own "Parliament," cinema and hospital.

It is expected to accommodate 3,500 refugees the first of whom are expected to arrive next week. All will receive the most intense training in engineering, agriculture and various trades and the camp will cost £30,000 annually.—Reuter.

BRITONS WIN WORLD TITLES FOR SKATING

Davos, To-day.

The world championships in figure skating held here on Sunday, resulted in a double triumph for British colours.

Both the winner, the Londoner, Graham Sharp, and the second, Fred Tomlings, were Britons.

Third place was taken by the German, Faber, who was second after the compulsory figures, but dropped to third place, owing to Tomling's considerably better performance in free figures.—Trans-Ocean.

The tenant of No. 29, Mongkok Road, has reported that money and clothing valued at \$127 were stolen from his residence, at about 2.15 yesterday.

The "Ranpura" left Singapore on Saturday and is due here on Thursday at about 9 a.m.

RIBBENTROP LEAVES: POLAND BEGINS COLONY AGITATION

Warsaw, To-day.

Interest in colonial possessions is growing in Poland according to the "Express Poranny" which demands in a Sunday editorial fairer distribution of the raw material resources and thinly-populated colonial territories of the world.

The paper points out that Japan, Germany and Poland are the most densely populated countries of the world and England and Belgium possess the largest colonial areas.

Great Britain, France, Holland, the United States and Soviet Russia control 97% of the world's rubber and nickel-ore production, 88% of iron ore, 80% of cotton, 75% of oil, coal and aluminium and 65% of the world's grain.

The paper continues: "The wealth of these countries is chiefly due to the fact that for every white man there are dozens of natives at work. The present unsatisfactory situation must be remedied by a fairer redistribution of the world's colonial territories.

It would be frightful if only another war could remedy the untenable situation, for war could only destroy the achievements of civilization of both victors and vanquished."

Peaceful re-distribution of raw materials, markets and undensely populated areas would help to raise the standard of living of all overpopulated countries.

The paper says goodwill on both sides is necessary, but that first a sincere offer must be made by nations possessing in abundance raw materials and territory.—Trans-Ocean.

JUNK BURNED BY JAPANESE

Japanese naval action against a local junk has been notified to the police.

Chung Kwok-tin, master of cargo junk No. 2545HW, says that at about 2 p.m. on Friday, while sailing near Lin Tin Island, a Japanese trawler stopped his junk and boarded him.

He was ordered to sail west, and on reaching Chuk Chow Island, his crew of 21, was ordered to leave in a sampan.

The junk was then set on fire.

All members of the crew were picked up by a passing boat near Cheung Chau Island yesterday. The value of cargo and junk was \$2,200.

CURE FOR BUGS

Li Yee, 31, station cooler, was bound over by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, when charged with stealing a quantity of tissue paper and a gallon of kerosene from No. 8 Police Station.

Defendant said he only took the kerosene home to clean his bed boards, which were full of bugs.

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



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CALLS AT SHANGHAI

THE DAILY SHORT STORY

BONUS

Roger Polk, fiction writer, strolled along the shore deep in thought. A worried frown lined his brow, making it quite obvious that Roger's thoughts were not pleasant. This very morning he had received a request from a publisher for a particular type of short story. If, wrote the publisher, Roger could conceive, write and submit the story within four days' time, a handsome bonus would be forthcoming.

Now, Roger dearly loved bonuses, handsome or otherwise, and under ordinary conditions he would have seated himself at his typewriter and batted off the required short story in half the stated time, as was his custom. However, only last week Roger had completed a long piece of work and had decided to take a vacation. He rented himself a cottage on an island in the bay and settled down to wholly relax, dismissing all thoughts of plots, etc. Therefore, when the request for the story arrived, he was not "in a mood" for writing, and when a writer is not in a mood for writing he is terrifically handicapped.

Thus for two days Roger had been trying to adjust his mind, trying to conceive of an idea that might develop into a story, and failed miserably. To-

cover. The bound person was a young and beautiful girl. The men who carried her were swarthy, evil-looking and obviously foreigners.

Roger's mind began to click. He recalled hearing on the radio the night before that Estelle Mayberry, daughter of wealthy John T. Mayberry, had been kidnapped. Larry Carr, her fiancé, was negotiating with the abductors to pay the demanded ransom.

Excitement ran through Roger's veins. The swarthy gentlemen had deposited their burden on the porch and were talking with the old woman. None of them went inside. What had he, Roger, better do? If he moved he would be discovered. If he were discovered — he shuddered to think of the consequences. Yet — horrible thought — suppose the kidnappers had decided that the safest thing to do was to dispose of the girl and try making a getaway?

At that moment Roger's ear caught the sound of a second boat. A small cruiser was putting into the cove. Men swarmed her decks. A machine gun was mounted beneath her wheel house.

Roger glanced toward the shack. The two men and old woman had

By Richard Hill Wilkinson

day, he strolled along the shore and his heart was heavy, for in his mind's eye he could see the handsome bonus taking fleet wing.

Roger was so engrossed that suddenly he found himself on a deserted and lonely stretch of shore. The only building visible was a dilapidated shack that reposed on a small bluff above a tiny cove. He stopped and looked at the shack with a new interest, remembering that on the two occasions he had seen it before the windows had been boarded up and the place appeared deserted.

As he stood now looking toward the shack smoke began to curl from its chimney. He saw, too, that the front door ajar, and one of the windows had been freed of its shutter. Curious as to who could abide in this deserted dwelling, thinking that here, perhaps, might be the answer to his problem, Roger turned away from the beach and started to climb the bluff.

He had gotten half way to the top when his attention was arrested by the sound of a motorboat. Turning, he saw a small craft, carrying two passengers, putting in toward the cove. Certain that he had not been observed, he slipped behind a clump of bushes and waited.

The small boat cut its motor and eased up onto the sand. Watching Roger sucked in his breath, for the two occupants reached down and lifted up a figure, which was bound, gagged and blindfolded.

At this moment Roger heard a cackling sound from the direction of the deserted shack. To his amazement a stooped and withered old woman had appeared on the porch and was obviously awaiting the arrival of the boat occupants with their burden.

Anticipating a drama that he dared not think about, Roger crept nearer the shack. By the time he reached some bushes fifty yards from the path that led up the bluff from the cove, the boat occupants were abreast of him. Then he made another amazing dis-

sighted the police boat. One of them drew a gun. The other pointed to the girl. Roger's heart leaped. They were going to kill her and—

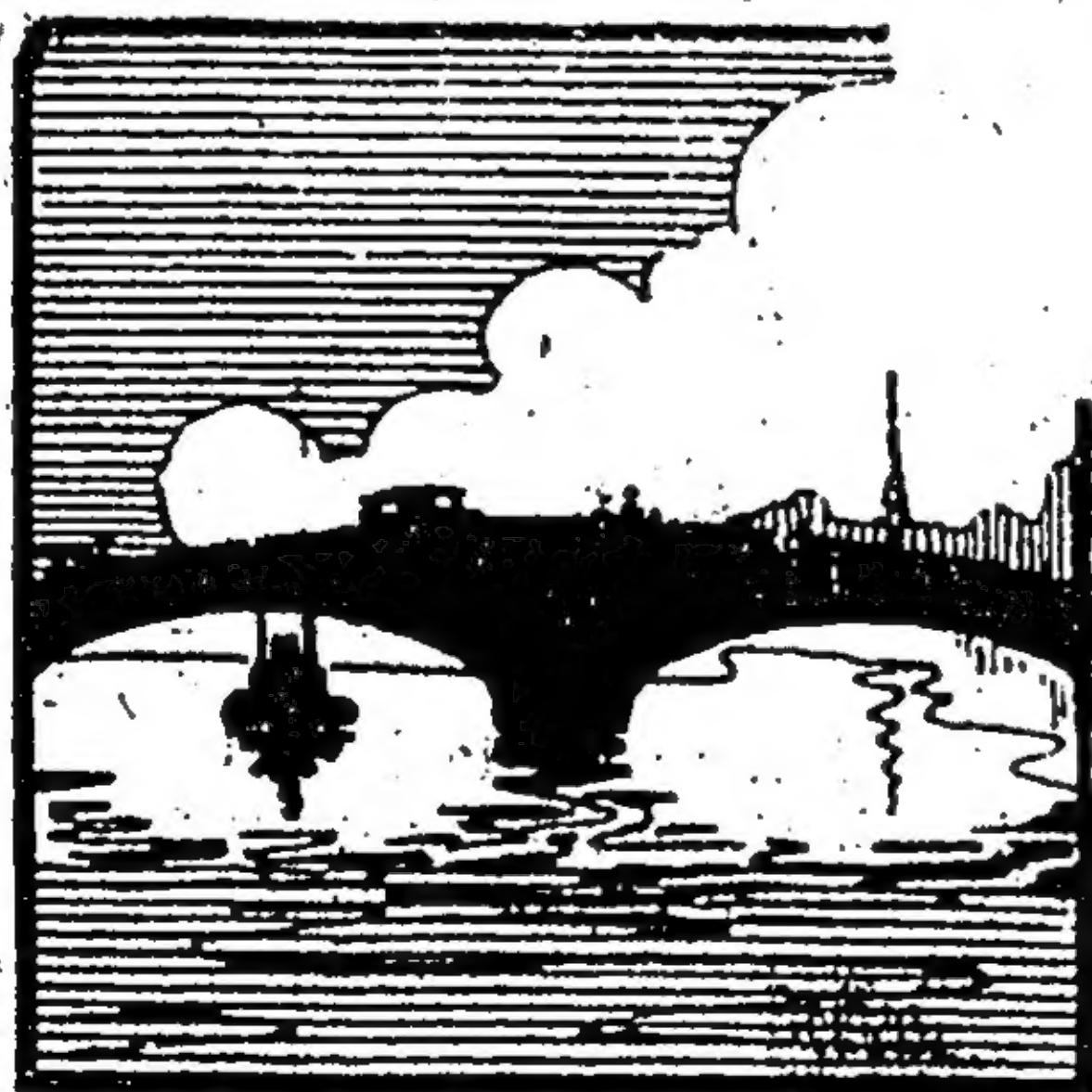
With a shout, Roger leaped to his feet, forgetting danger to himself, thinking only of the girl. From his pocket he produced a small revolver. Running zig-zag, dodging behind any available shelter, he raced toward the shack. Bullets zinged past his ears, ploughed up clouds of dust in front of him. He felt a stinging pain in his left shoulder, but he kept doggedly ahead. Vaguely he knew that the police boat had landed and that men were running up the cliff. Dizziness assailed him. He had reached the porch, was in grips with one of the men, and then...

Roger Polk, fiction writer, finished making his notes. "I'll play the part of Larry Carr," he told himself. "Old man Mayberry will agree to my marrying Estelle, even though I am poor and without a job, because I saved his only child's life. That will provide the happy ending." He put the pencil and paper back into his pocket, glanced fondly at the boarded-up, deserted shack, and went whistling back along the beach, thinking of his bonus.

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B.F.R.D.C. COMMITTEE MAKES GRANTS

A meeting of the Board of Administrators of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China, Hong Kong and South China Branch, was held in the Council Chamber on Friday. The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (Chairman), Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall (Deputy Chairman), Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Rt. Rev. H. Valtorta, Mr. M. K. Lo (Hon. Secretary) were present, and Father Ryan attended by invitation.

The meeting received the Second Report of the Hon. Secretary covering the period 1st to 31st December, and took note, inter alia, of the following:—(a) That on the application of the Chinese Sub-Committee of the Fund, the Hong Kong Football Association had agreed to arrange a football match between the S.C.A.A. and the Rest of the Colony, to be played on the 26th February, 1939, in aid of this Fund. (b) That the Chinese Sub-Committee of the Fund was organising a Chinese Bazaar in aid of the Fund during the Chinese New Year holidays, to be held at King's College, which had been lent by the Head Master with approval of Government.

The meeting decided to grant \$10,000 to the Tung Wah Hospital for initial expenses in connection with their Sum Chun Refugee Camp; to grant \$3,000 to the National Association for the Care of War Orphans, Hong Kong Branch, on the basis of \$500 a month for 6 months, in aid of that Association in looking after orphan children; took note of the audited accounts of income and expenditure of the Emergency Refugee Council for the period 12th June to 31st December, 1938.

The meeting also considered the estimated budget of the E.R.C. for the 6 months of 1939, and decided to make a grant of \$60,000 to the E.R.C. in respect of their refugee work for the first six months of 1939.

The meeting considered the appeal from the Shum Chun Rural Welfare Centre, and decided to make a grant of \$5,000 in connection with their project to aid Chinese refugee farmers in Shum Chun and surrounding territories; and was informed by the Hon. Secretary that Mr. J. H. Seth, at the request of the Hon. Secretary, had intimated that his firm would be prepared to act as Hon. Auditors of this Fund, and the meeting accepted Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming's services with gratitude.

NEW SKATING SPEED RECORD

Davos, To-day.
The Norwegian speed skater, Engnestanges, on Sunday established a new world's record over a distance of 1,500 metres which he

Hope Of Federal Government Compromise Hit

Bombay, To-day.

Subhaschandra Bose, the leftist leader, was unexpectedly re-elected president of Congress yesterday.

This is regarded as a defeat for Gandhi and the Congress high command who backed the Rightist candidate, Dr. Pattari Sitaramayya whose success had been counted as practically certain.

The stiffening of the Congress attitude against the All-India Federation project is now expected.

Hitherto there has been considerable talk of compromise between the right wing of Congress and the British Government on the matter. —Reuter.

CLOSE VOTE

The voting was Bose 1,580 and Sitaramaya 1,375.

Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, addressing the Congress Committee at Lucknow, declared that India might face a crisis in a few weeks.

Gandhi, addressing peasants at Vadad on the occasion of the restoration of lands confiscated during the civil disobedience campaign in 1930/2, asked the peasants to be prepared to lose the lands if the occasion arose. —Reuter.

COMINTERN CONGRESS

Warsaw, To-day.

The convocation of the 18th Comintern Congress after a lapse of five years, is commented upon by the Warsaw "Gazeta Polska."

The paper believes that the long period which was allowed to elapse between the last and the coming session was due to unsettled conditions in Soviet Russia. —Trans-Ocean.

SNATCHER'S CONFEDERATE

Chan Ping-kuen, 25, was this morning charged at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. E. Himsworth with snatching a handbag at Sa Po Road market. The defendant stated that he did not personally steal the handbag, but received it from a confederate, who passed it to him. He was fined \$30, with the alternative of 6 weeks' hard labour.

covered in 2 minutes 13.8 seconds. The previous record of 2 minutes, 14 seconds was held by Ballangrud, likewise a Norwegian. —Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH COMMUNIST SEES FASCISTS ON TRIAL

Paris, Jan. 22.

Italy is economically exhausted following the Ethiopian and Spanish campaigns, the costs of the China hostilities are daily becoming more insupportable for Japan, Germany is finding her economic difficulties increasing.

In these terms, Deputy Gabriel Peri to-day described the obstacles that the totalitarian States now find in their way. He was speaking before the National Congress of the Communist Party.

M. Peri also spoke about France's foreign policy, which he said he would like to see based upon aid to Republican Spain, resistance to the Fascist Powers, the Franco-Syrian and Franco-Libanese Treaties of 1936, which granted independence to Syria and the Liban. Close co-operation among the democratic States who find their regimes threatened and tightening of links with the United States and support of the "great (anti-totalitarian) movement sweeping the U.S." —Havas.

also tried to incite a crowd.

She stated that she had done so because the constable struck her son. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

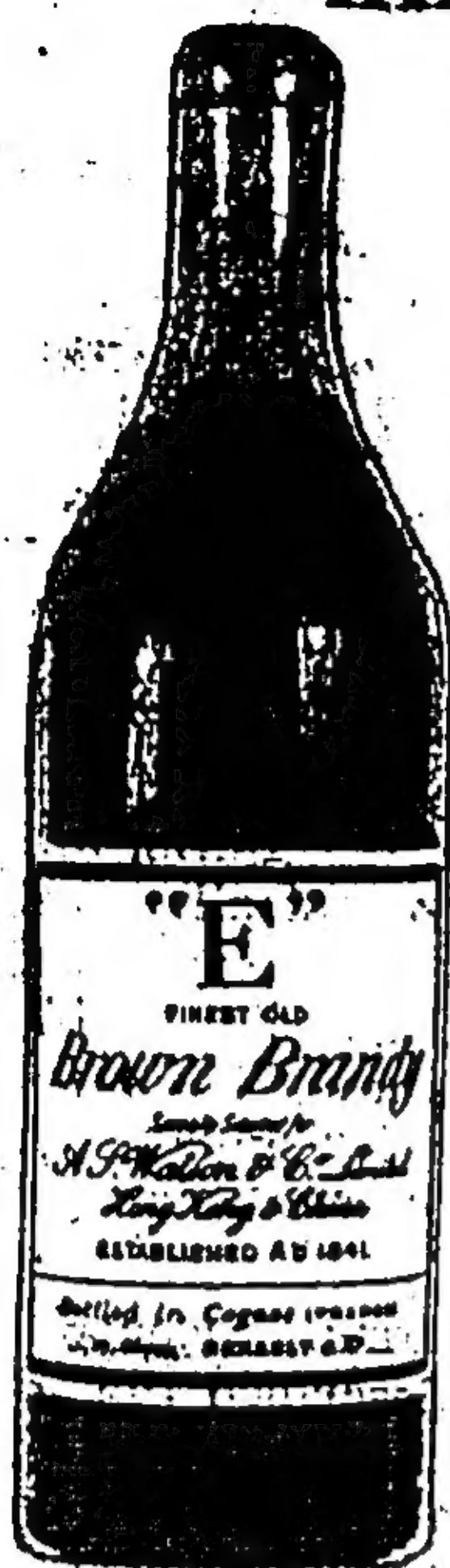
MOTHER'S INTERVENTION

Yeung Mui, 46, of Po Kong Village, was this morning charged at Kowloon before Mr. E. Himsworth, with obstructing a Police officer. It was stated that B533, on duty at Po Kong Village, saw defendant's son selling sugar cane in the centre of the road and arrested him.

Immediately, the defendant ran and assaulted the constable. She

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OFFICIALDOM IN BRITAIN

Each year the number of Civil Servants and local government officials in Britain increases, and according to published figures the total is now about 600,000; so that roughly one out of every eighty persons is an official. Naturally, although no one envisages a time when, as Gilbert put it, "everyone is somebody" in an official sense, and when the English, rather like the fabulous islanders who lived by taking in one another's washing, would exist by looking after one another's affairs, there are some people who look upon this tendency with disfavour, as an approach to bureaucracy.

The point is a difficult one, since it is purely a question of degree. For a Government in these days that sets out to be paternal and progressive inevitably releases a flood of complicated legislation, which can only be administered by making use of departmental control—a measure of bureaucracy. In this particular instance, however, those who have misgivings might remember Pope's advice:

For forms of government let fools contest;

Whate'er is best administer'd is best.

Too sweeping a statement, no doubt; but if there be, as surely there is, a modicum of good sense in it, the Briton should gain some comfort thereby. For the reputation of the British Civil Service is second to none. It exacts from its members an incorruptible devotion to duty, and what is less generally recognised, much self-sacrifice from its highest officers, whose abilities would obtain a far greater monetary reward in the business world. So long as such a tradition is upheld by the servants of the State, there is the less reason to fear the result even though there were "in point of fact too many."

Emissary Of Good Will

It seems to be the mode to read deep significance into the visits of statesmen abroad. And so it is in the case of Eamon de Valera, who, next May, will be the guest of the President of the United States and of the World's Fair Committee in New York. No doubt the Premier of Eire will

take advantage of the opportunity to make courtesy calls and friendly contacts during his stay of three weeks. But beyond that his visit is unlikely to take on profound political implications.

Mr. de Valera's previous visits were made in the cause of Irish independence, the first in 1919, the last in 1929. He has no need to plead that cause now. The independence he craved has been won. Eire is a separate entity, having severed the symbolical tie which bound it to the British Commonwealth of Nations, and left only the slimmest of threads remaining. He still seeks unity—unity of the North and South—but that he has made extremely difficult of accomplishment by his apparent resolve to keep outside the British orbit. No single act of his could more stiffen the opposition of the North than this. The question of unity is one, therefore, which he is unlikely to carry across the Atlantic.

The people of the United States will be a kindly host to Mr. de Valera. They will find him somewhat changed from the man they met when he set foot on his first visit to American shores two decades ago. Time has had a softening effect, and the pressure of economic forces has caused him to adopt a more conciliatory attitude towards the United Kingdom. He will visit the United States as a statesman, a scholar and an intellectual. As Eire's Premier he will find the hand of good will extended to him in a mission which undoubtedly seeks primarily to make still more cordial the relations between his own country and the adopted land of many of his countrymen. One of the best compliments ever paid to Mr. de Valera was that which came from the pen of an admirer: "His mind is a balance that hovers long, but in the end swings true." The last indication of this was when he abandoned the economic war with England, a war which throttled the trade of the Irish Free State. May the indications multiply.

Iceboxes For Eskimos?

Reports from Moscow, that ten years of Soviet research in the Arctic indicates the icy polar calotte to be melting and the world's weather growing warmer, serve to strengthen similar longheld beliefs of meteorologists.

Why the trend is in this direction is one of the problems several branches of natural science are trying to answer. They may find for example, that as in previous geologic ages, the world is again approaching the middle of an interglacial period. It may be that in the course of several thousand years the polar ice will disappear entirely.

Cod and other warm-water fish are found now as far north as Nova Zembla and Spitzbergen. It is also hinted that perhaps the Gulf Stream is warming things up. Yet this would have little effect upon midcontinental weather. The Smithsonian Institution has recently increased its work on daily measurements of solar radiation, and if it appears over long periods that this factor shows an increase, then it may be that once again the sun will have to shoulder responsibility for another earthly effect. But even here investigation will hardly stop. Next comes the question of what causes variations in solar energy output—and so on and on, through the whole galaxy of stellar evolution questions.

TOKYO'S DIPLOMACY UNDER CLOSE EXAMINATION

MIDDLESEX MAN FINED FOR ROBBERY

A private of the Middlesex Regiment was convicted this morning by Mr. E. Himsworth on a charge of larceny and was fined \$80 with the alternative of two month's hard labour.

He was Stephen Vincent Ward, aged 27. Complainant, a Chinese, said that he was followed by Ward into a relation's house at 17, Valley Road. Ward then compelled him to submit to search and, after relieving him of \$163.80, in Chinese currency, decamped. Complainant gave chase but Ward succeeded in making good his escape.

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Ward was later arrested by Sgt. Fender on a bus when the officer saw him draw out a roll of banknotes in Chinese currency. Sgt. Fender removed him to the police station, where complainant had arrived to report his loss.

A further charge of impersonating a police officer was withdrawn.

INDIA LEAGUE DEMONSTRATES IN LONDON

London, To-day.

A mass demonstration called by the India League in Trafalgar Square to support Indian independence was supported by a large section of the Indian community in London.

Thousands of British Leftists passed a resolution demanding the boycott of Japanese goods and refusal of supplies particularly oil and credit to Japan. They also demanded financial and medical aid for Spain and urged that "progressive forces in Britain

An important conference of Japan's foremost diplomats in Europe, called specially for the purpose of exchanging opinions and advising Tokyo on the best course for foreign policy to follow, seems to have ended without result.

There appears to have been sharp conflict between those who would have Japan enter upon even closer relations with the Berlin-Rome Axis Powers, and those who remain doubtful and desire to leave a way of escape.

The conversations which took place in Paris are stated to have dealt in the main with a proposal to extend the obligations of the anti-Comintern Pact.

They concluded last night.

Among the participants were Mr. Shigemitsu, Ambassador to the

Paris, To-day.

Court of St. James, Mr. Shiratori, Ambassador in Rome, Mr. Kuhusu, Ambassador in Brussels, Mr. Yano, the Minister in Burgos, Mr. Amau, the Minister in Berne, and a representative of General Oshima, the Ambassador in Berlin, who was prevented from attending by illness.

RIVIERA TALKS

According to a usually reliable French source, the talks which were distinct from the normal occasional conferences of Japanese Ambassadors in Europe were suggested by the Ambassadors in Berlin and Rome who met recently on the Italian Riviera.

There appears to have been a divergence of views of the question of the anti-Comintern Pact.

Whereas General Oshima's representative and Mr. Shiratori wanted to tighten up relations with Rome and Berlin, even to the stage of completing a military alliance, the majority of the others favoured the "nursing" of other European Powers, particularly Britain.

It is considered in Paris that the final decision will depend upon the evolution of the European situation. — Reuter.

FOREIGN SHIPS "ARRESTED" NEAR SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

It is learned to-day that three foreign ships were "arrested" by the Japanese after leaving Shanghai on Friday.

The ships were flying American, Portuguese and Norwegian flags, but their names are unascertainable at the moment.

The vessels are now at Tsingtao having been forced to proceed there by a Japanese gunboat. — Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE FLEET STANDING BY

Hoihow, To-day.

The Japanese fleet round Weichow Island and Hainan are reported "standing by" for final orders.

High tension prevails. — Our Own Correspondent.

work for closer links between the people of Britain, India and the Colonies." — Reuter.

TAXI TO CHINA, MISTER?

RANGOON TAXICABS SAID TAKING PASSENGERS FOR KUNMING CITY

Chungking, Jan. 24.

It is possible at present to hire a taxi for a journey from Rangoon to Kunming via the new Burma road, according to information from a foreigner who recently arrived in Kunming after completing such a journey.

A cheap way of getting freight to China, he said, was by water to Bhamo, a Burmese town 40 miles west of the Sino-British frontier, and from there across the border to Kunming on pack-mules, if the

commodities carried allowed such a mode of transport.

Commercial firms are evincing very great interest in the new route to the west, linking China and Rangoon, and it is expected that the Burma road will be taxed to its fullest capacity by the transport of goods of all descriptions to and from China.

It is reported that Chinese banks are establishing branches in Rangoon in order to handle this traffic. — Reuter.

GUN BATTLE ON BORDER: SHUMCHUM CAMP IN PANIC

A gun battle between Chinese Maritime Customs Officials and a party of smugglers occurred at Shumchun yesterday afternoon causing panic and confusion among the refugees sheltered in the Shumchun Refugee camp. The exchange of shots occurred close to the camp.

Word went round that the Japanese had returned, and, gripped with fear, everyone made attempts to pack up their scanty belongings and escape.

Later calm was restored when it discovered that a party of smugglers had been detected by Customs officials crossing the border into Chinese territory with smuggled goods.

One of the smugglers was wounded and two others arrested and taken to the Chinese police station in Shumchun.

FAMED IRISH POET PASSES

London, To-day.

The death is announced of Mr. William Butler Yeats, the Irish poet, at the age of 74. — Reuter.

Mr. Yeats, who was educated at Godolphin School, Hammersmith and Erasmus Smith School, Dublin, was a Senator of the Irish Free State from 1922-28.

In 1923 he was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature. He was a well-known author and playwright and was responsible for numerous publications.

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JAPAN READY TO TALK ABOUT NINE-POWER PACT

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SEVERAL TOWNS WIPED OUT IN QUAKE

Santiago, To-day.

The town of Coelemu has been entirely destroyed by the recent earthquake, according to a statement issued by the Minister of Interior Pedro Alfonso.

Of the 400 inmates of a Children's home, only twenty have survived. The towns Pocillas and Quirihue were also completely destroyed.

Criminal elements of the population have taken advantage of conditions prevailing in rural areas in consequence of the catastrophe and have robbed several houses deserted by their owners. Numerous robbers have been arrested in Concepcion, Chillan and San Carlos and exemplary punishment will be meted out to the culprits under martial law.

LESSER SHOCKS

A number of lesser shocks are reported to have occurred on Saturday in Cauquenes.

Organisation of relief for victims of the catastrophe is constantly extending.

The commander of the garrison in Chillan estimates the number of killed in that town at ten thousand.

The Chilean branch of Siemens-Schuckert Works is taking a large part in the organisation of relief measures in devastated regions.

It is further stated that a plane is now on its way from Rio De Janeiro with 70 tons of anti-tetanus serum and other medicaments of which there is a scarcity here.—Trans-Ocean.

CAFE CHOPPER INCIDENT

Hiyoshi Sagara, the Japanese who was critically wounded in a Wanchai Cafe early yesterday morning, was still hovering between life and death to-day. The hospital authorities stated that no definite hope of his recovery can yet be held out.

His alleged assailant is expected to be committed to the Mental Hospital.

MELCHERS' CLERK DENIES CHARGE

At the Central Magistracy this morning, Tang Kim-hung, 41, clerk, was remanded by Mr. R. Edwards when charged with fraudulent conversion of a sum of \$719.19, on October 21, last year.

It was alleged that the sum was issued by the Chien Hsin Engineering Company to Messrs. Melchers & Company, but he converted it to his own use.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Mr. August Wurthman, Melchers' manager, appeared as complainant.

Direct Talks With Britain And America

Tokyo, To-day.

Japan will tell the United States and Great Britain shortly that she is agreeable to entering into direct negotiations with them, but not in an international conference, regarding modification of the principles of the "Open Door" and equal opportunity in China, according to informed sources in Tokyo.

The United States and Britain must first, however, assent to a number of conditions, including complete freedom of world commerce, freedom of residence and travel for the Oriental races, abolition of tariff barrier and import quotas and free access to raw materials essential for National existence.

Acceptance of these conditions, it is said, would remove all causes for concern on the part of the Powers regarding East Asia.

The replies to the American Note of December 31st and the British Note of January 14th will be made as soon as the Foreign Office has studied them carefully.

It is declared that the following points will be embodied in the replies:

1. The Notes make it clear that the British and American Governments wish to settle the question of adjustment of the principles of the "Open Door" and equal opportunity by negotiation among the countries concerned. They desire to settle through an international conference issues pending with Japan which they find difficult to settle in direct negotiations. This shows that they have yet to realise the irrationality of conference diplomacy or are pursuing a calculating

policy, peculiar to them, of taking advantage of the defects of conference diplomacy to promote their own ends.

Because of the traditionally friendly relations between Japan and Britain and the United States, however, the Japanese Government is ready to enter into negotiations with them on condition that they accept the following:

- A. Thorough liberation of the Oriental races.
 - (i) Abolition of all conditions under which the Powers treat China as a colony.
 - (ii) Freedom of residence and travel for the Oriental races.
- B. Complete freedom of world commerce.
 - (i) Liquidation of existing economic blocs.
 - (ii) Abolition of tariff barriers and import quotas.
- C. Fair distribution of resources.
 - (i) Free access to raw materials

BUS AMBUSH IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, To-day.

Shots were fired from ambush at an omnibus on the outskirts of the Jerusalem and an Arab woman was killed and another passenger wounded. — Reuter.

MOTOR-CYCLIST'S SPILL

Ip Kon-kuen, a motor-cyclist, residing at No. 156 Cheung Sha Wan Road, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital, with injuries to the head, after a collision with a motor lorry in Chung Hop village.

At about 5.30 p.m. on Friday, Ip was riding a motor cycle, and bumped into the motor lorry which was not in motion. He was first treated at the Un Long dispensary, and later transferred to the Hospital.

necessary for national existence.

(ii) Acquisition of resources necessary for national defence.

If these proposals are accepted, the causes of the uncertainty and concern felt by Britain and the United States in the Orient, that is, the restrictions that might be placed on their activities and the activities of other countries under the plan for the establishment of economic autonomy for Japan, Manchukuo and China and the perfection of their defences, will cease to exist, the replies will declare. — Reuter.



Unemployed demonstrators staged a "lay-down" strike in Oxford Street, London on January 17. Some sixty men, in the pouring rain, lay down in the muddy road and covered themselves with placards. Traffic was held up for some time before the police succeeded in clearing them away. Photo shows the strange scene as the unemployed staged their lay-down strike. (Air Mail).

MILLIONAIRES ARE FEWER AGAIN

The number of incomes assessed for super-tax in 1913-14 was 14,008, and the total of incomes assessed was £175,605,000. In 1936-37 these figures had increased to 95,750 persons and to £483,739,000 total incomes assessed (sur-tax having then taken the place of the old super-tax).

Another section of the report dealing with death duties reveals that in 1913-14 there were two estates exceeding £2,000,000 in value, but none exceeding £3,000,000.

Capital value of estates dealt with, however, increased progressively from £296,432,000 in 1913-14 to £594,708,000 in 1937-38.

The statistics also covered agriculture, showing the great decline in employment there. But take horses: In the United Kingdom in 1937 there were 1,096,000 against 1,718,000 in 1913.

The most striking increase is in poultry, which almost doubled, being 69,053,000 in 1937 against 38,315,000 in 1913.

Commander Edward Michael Conolly Abel-Smith, R.N., is appointed an equerry to the King in the room of Captain Charles Edward Lambe, who has resigned. Commander Abel-Smith married in 1932 Lady Mary Elisabeth Carnegie, younger daughter of the Earl of Southesk.

Book publishing encountered a slump last year. The number of works issued during the year was 16,091, a decrease of 1,195 compared with 1937.

Still we average one "author" per 10,000 of population—which is ninety-nine "authors" too many in every million.

Herr Hitler has exchanged New Year greetings with a number of countries, including Great Britain, as is customary each New Year.

But he has received no greeting from the President of the United States.

NAZI YOUTHS

Nazi youths are no longer to be allowed to learn such trades as butcher, baker, tailor, barber, waiter, cabinetmaker, upholster or bookbinder. Instead, decrees the Nazi Labour Front, they will be encouraged to become apprentices in the nationally important metal industries where there is a shortage of workers. By this ban the key industries, including agriculture, will gain 88,000 apprentices.

Britain is to send to Sweden next summer two teams of twenty-four men and twenty-four women to demonstrate physical training. Expenses will be borne, in part, by a grant from public funds.

Total applications for membership of the Government's new Voluntary Pensions Scheme received by January 2 (last date upon which specially favourable terms were available) is provisionally estimated at 700,000.



"Move if you dare" seems to be the attitude of this bulldog during a game of draughts at the kennels at Datchet belonging to Mrs. Monkland. Even experts at the game would be chary of making a move in such circumstances.

Heredity has an important bearing on occupations, says Professor R. Ruggles Gate, of the Eugenics Society. He stressed the point at the annual conference of Educational Associations at University College, London.

Speaking of an understanding of the inheritance element—undoubtedly present in all cases—which will make it easier to find the right occupation for each individual, the professor said:

"To the public at large heredity still means little more than that curious face and figure resemblances may crop up between descendants and some of their ancestors.

"It seldom occurs to them that behind those sporadic occurrences there is a mechanism of biological laws at work, and that even a single case of hare-lip, split foot or blue eyes may be the expression of an inheritance behind the scenes through several or many generations."

A slave, aged about thirty, has been sacrificed to Mathai Thang (the Gods in Heaven) by Naga tribesmen in the Chindwin district, just beyond the North-East Frontier of India. The slave was bought for about £45.

The Chindwin district, a kind of no-man's land between British India and Afghanistan, is not under administration. . . . Last human sacrifice there was in 1930.

Mr. Rex Knight, head of the department of psychology in the University of Aberdeen, last night urged teachers to improve the technique of silent reading. Investigations, he claimed, showed that some people read five times faster than others. No one should be satisfied with reading at 300 words per minute . . . and 800 words per minute was possible.



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CHIVALRY TO "GENTLEMAN"

Now Paris Police Seek Miss Henshall

London, January 15.

Chivalry towards an English girl tourist who had been indiscreet enough to venture alone into a doubtful quarter of Montmartre last Summer has cost the life of Jean Dechenaud, one of the most pitiless of Paris apaches.

The police are trying to trace Miss Mildred Henshall, who registered at a hotel in the centre of Paris last July, giving London as her home address but failing to give fuller details or the number of her passport.

During her visit Miss Henshall knew what was behind it, intervened, ventured alone to study Paris by night, and in a bar close to the Place Clichy she got into conversation with two habitués, one of whom proposed that he should take her in his car for a round of the night life resorts.

Ignorant of the real character of the men and the possible fate that awaited her, Miss Henshall consented.

Producing a revolver he covered the would-be cavalier, while he explained in English to the girl the risk she was running. She was convinced by his earnestness, and accepted his offer to escort her to her hotel.

The other two members of a notorious gang, vowed vengeance, and the chivalrous Apache thought it best to quit Paris and return to his native town, but his enemies were not to be shaken off so easily.

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During his visit to Rome, Mr. Chamberlain paid a visit to the Mineral Exhibition (or Self-Sufficiency Show of Italian Mining Products), which included guns, aeroplanes and shells. Photo shows Mr. Chamberlain being shown one of the maps during his visit to the Exhibition.

chest. Dechenaud managed to wound seriously one of his assailants, but the others got away.

Dechenaud died shortly after admission to hospital.

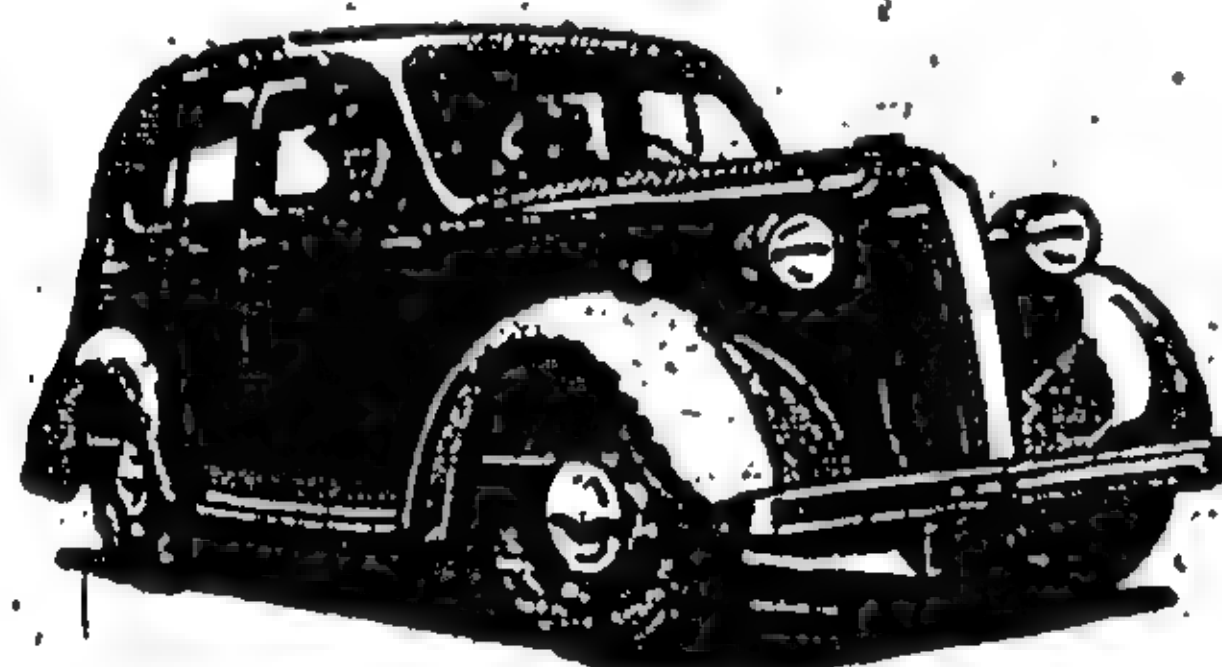
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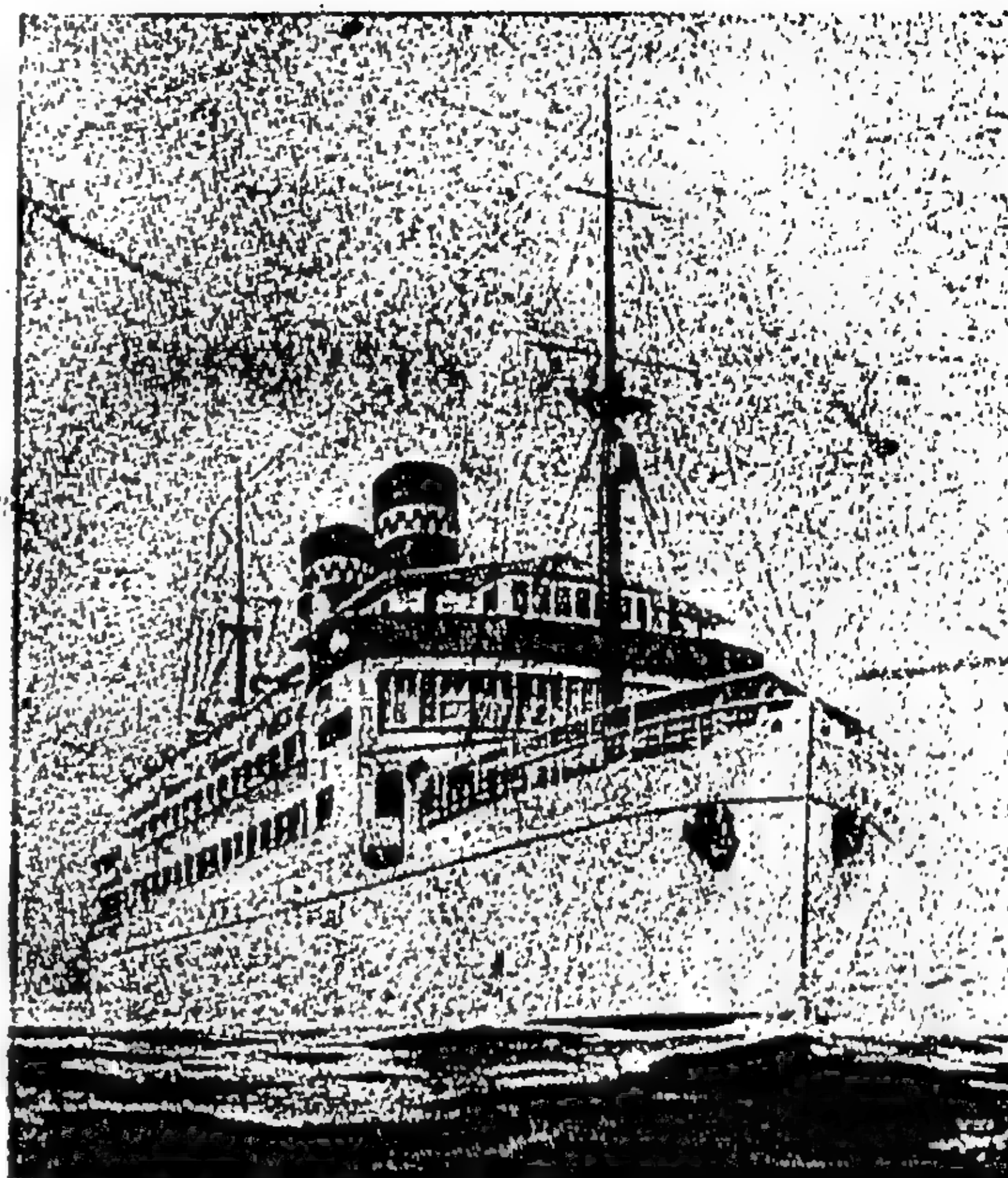
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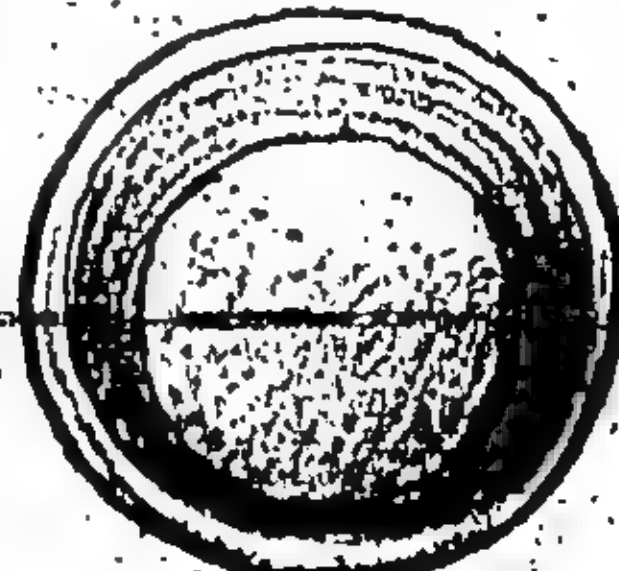


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Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY

Daughter's Very First Hair Cutting

The day arrives when the youngest lady in the family must have her baby hair trimmed. This occasion usually isn't as heartbreaking for the mother as when the Junior of the household must say good-bye to his mop of curls! But nevertheless, sister's first hair cut is her first beauty treatment — and should be so considered:

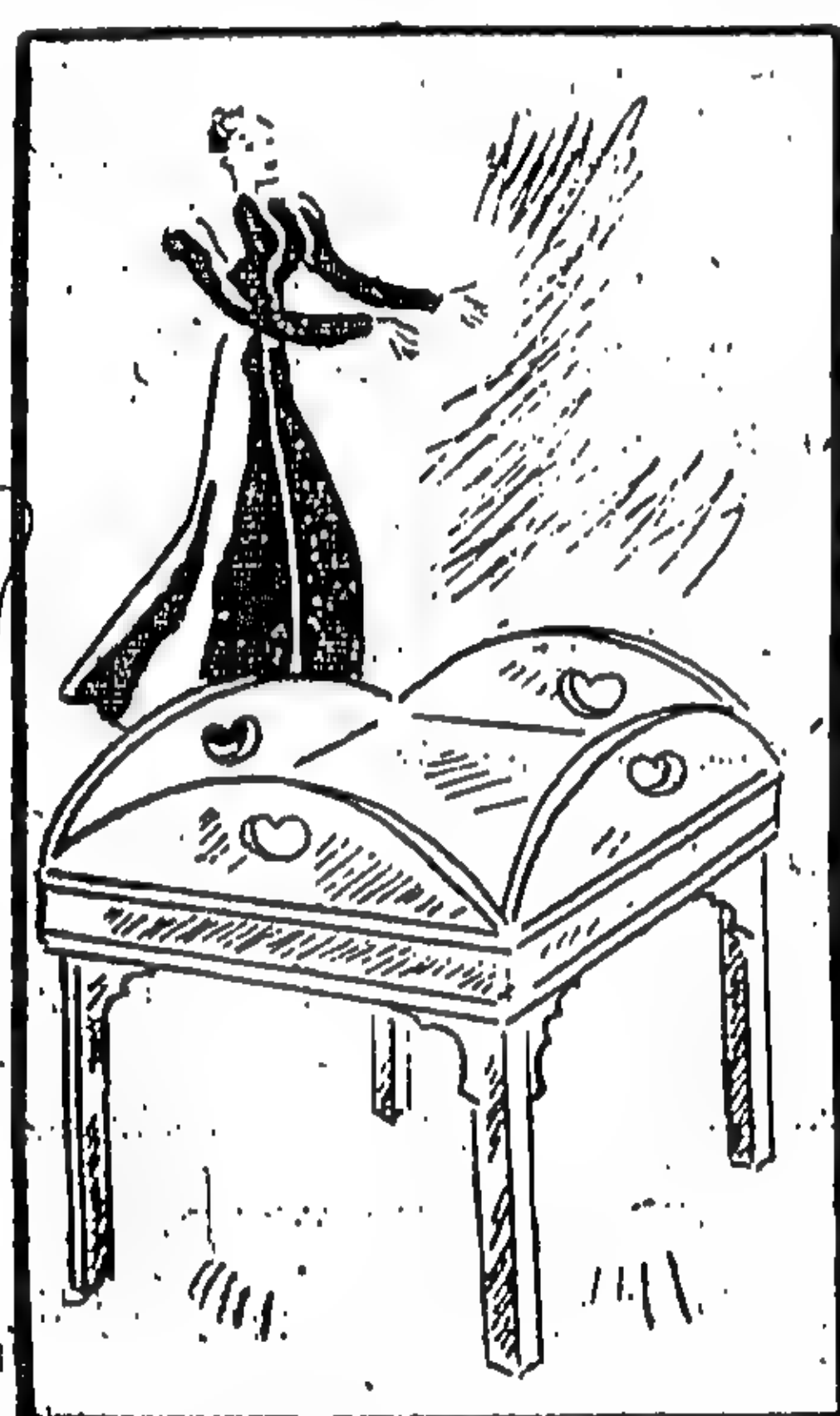
Usually, little thought is given to the years to come, when the young lady is hoisted high in the barber's chair. Snip, snip goes the scissors and the thin baby hair falls to the floor. And unless mother is modern and wise, the clippers trim the soft down at the nape of her neck! "More," cries the youngster because she likes the sensation, and the barber clips her again!

DO NOT ALLOW CLIPPING

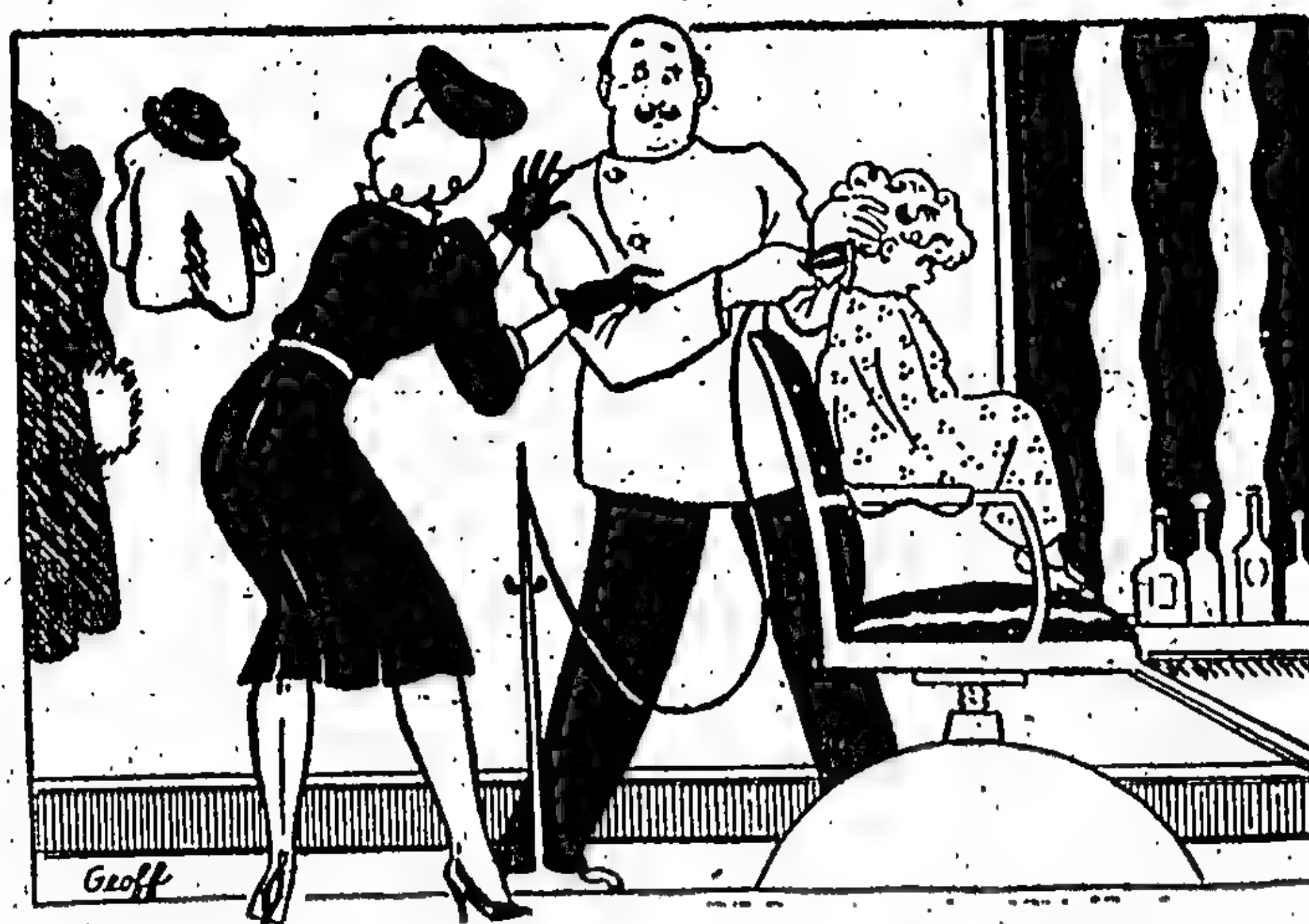
What a frightful beauty error is such a hair cut! Possibly as long as she lives the innocent victim will regret her first beauty treatment, for her natural hairline has been disturbed and the erratic snipping may have destroyed a natural wave. Mother would have done much better if she had cut her child's hair at home. With loving care she should have taken sections of the hair, combed through it and sheared the tip ends, being careful to take off the same amount no matter what the length of hair.

In other words hair grows various lengths — it should not be chopped off in ridges. One section may be eight inches long, another only four. In cutting take an inch or two off of each strand. Do not attempt to cut both sections the same length.

And never use clippers. Leave the back hairline as it is! Do not even snip at it. Instead brush it upward with a brush. Brush all the hair upward and gently massage the tiny scalp with your finger tips. Brush it again upward and notice



The gracious hostess, who can never have enough little tables, will be enchanted with this one that is particularly nice because it comes with a separate tray top so that refreshments can be arranged beforehand and any clever hostess knows what a help that is. The table is mahogany and very well made.



The wise mother will stay the barber's hands if he attempts to use clippers on the neck of her little daughter.

how the hair falls naturally into a wave or curl. Take a comb and coax that wave to be deeper and the curl tighter. Let them fall helter skelter — an infant's hair should not be styled.

Keep the tender scalp free of cuticle and clean. Never let an impulse rule to curl the young hair with a hot iron or to have it permanently waved. Horrors! Both take the life from the hair and leave it dry and unhealthy. If you insist upon curls resort to curl papers or leather curlers. Even metal curlers will injure the hair.

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Choice of:

Clear coffee or tea with little lemon

Total calories for breakfast .. 250
Tall girl allowed 350
Note: If you feel hungry the middle of the morning drink one ordinary glass of tomato juice.

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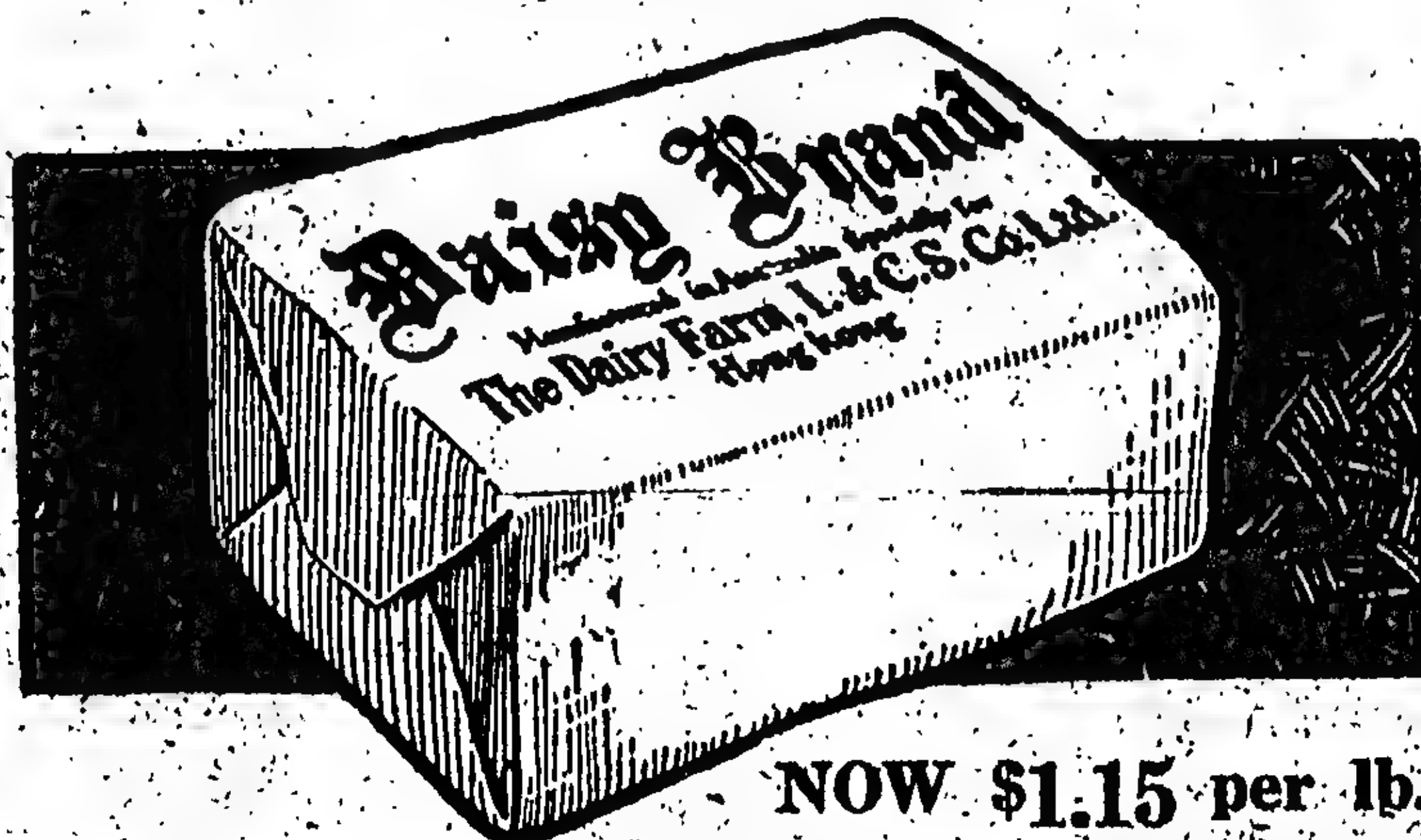
Creamed codfish on one slice of toast 150
1 glass of any fruit juice (small) 50
1 baked apple with little cream 125
Total 325

DINNER

Halibut steak 3" x 1 1/4" x 1" .. 100
(or 12 clams)
3/4 sup boiled onions 100
Parsley potatoes (small helping) 125
1 cup green string beans 50
Fruit compote (4 pieces) 125
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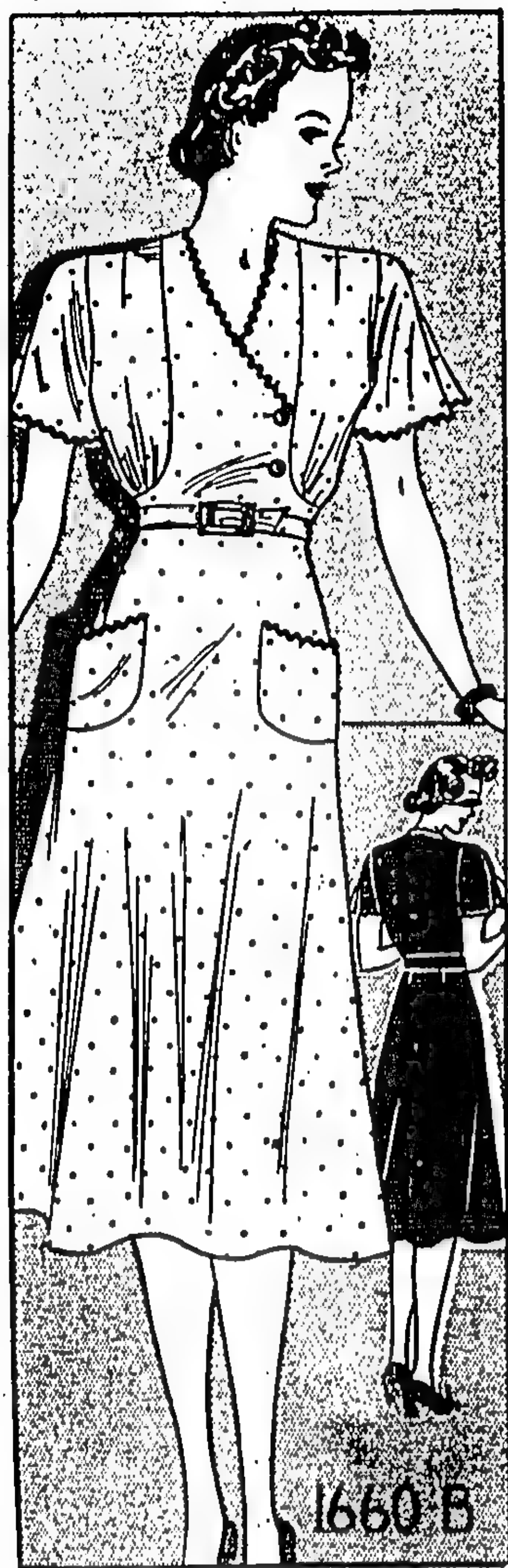
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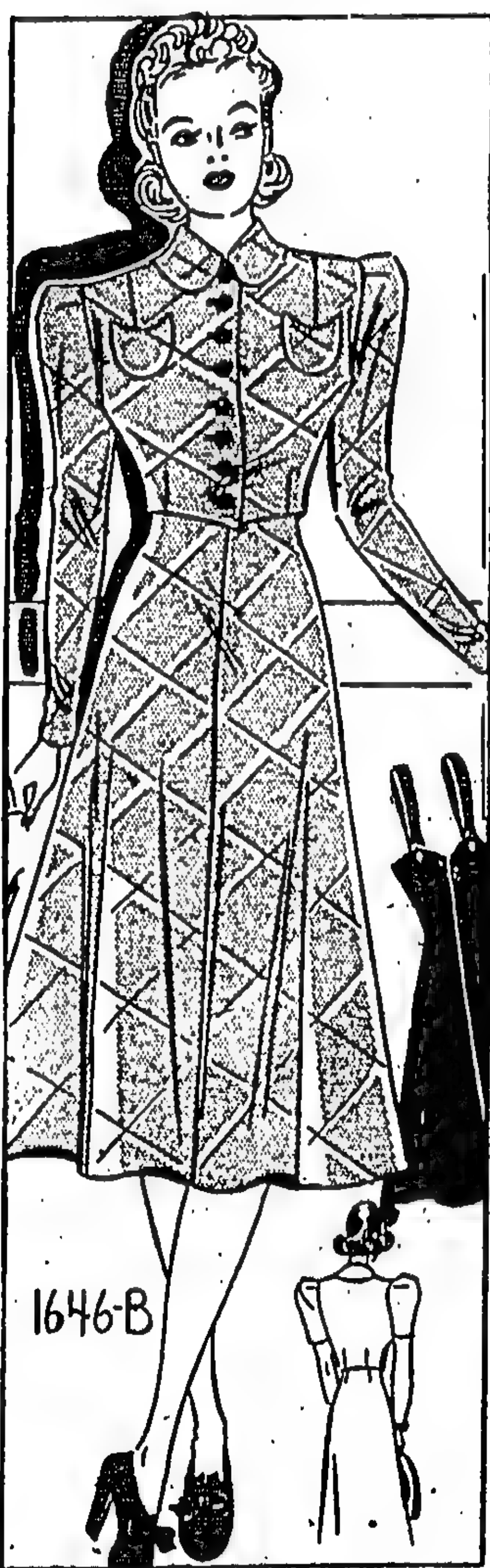
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It's the bodice detailing that makes this dress not only distinctly new, but distinctly becoming to large figures. Fullness at each side of the plain front panel assures excellent fit over the bust, and makes the lifted waistline and the hips look slimmer. Large women always find a v-neckline of this type very becoming, and in this design the slenderizing effect is enhanced by the low-placed two-button closing at one side. The short sleeves are made with a box pleat.

This is the good-looking type of house dress that you can wear all day long, from the moment you get up in the morning until you dress for dinner.

SUSPENDER SKIRT WITH JACKET-BLOUSE



You can wear this smart design, with your own blouses, as a suit, or just as it's pictured, as a tailored dress. Either way it's unusually young and charming. Special notes of chic are the dollwaisted princess cut, the fitted, short little tuxedo jacket, and the high neckline, finished with a tailored collar. And notice the cute little crescent-shaped pockets.

To go with your short fur jacket, or under your heavy winter coat, it's a thoroughly practical fashion for office, shopping and all tailored occasions. So choose your tweed, wool crepe, plaid or flannel, and make yourself this charming suit. And having enjoyed it in wool, you'll want it later, in the silk or flat crepe, too.

WITTY Kitty



The boy friend says his favourite flower is the flower of the family.

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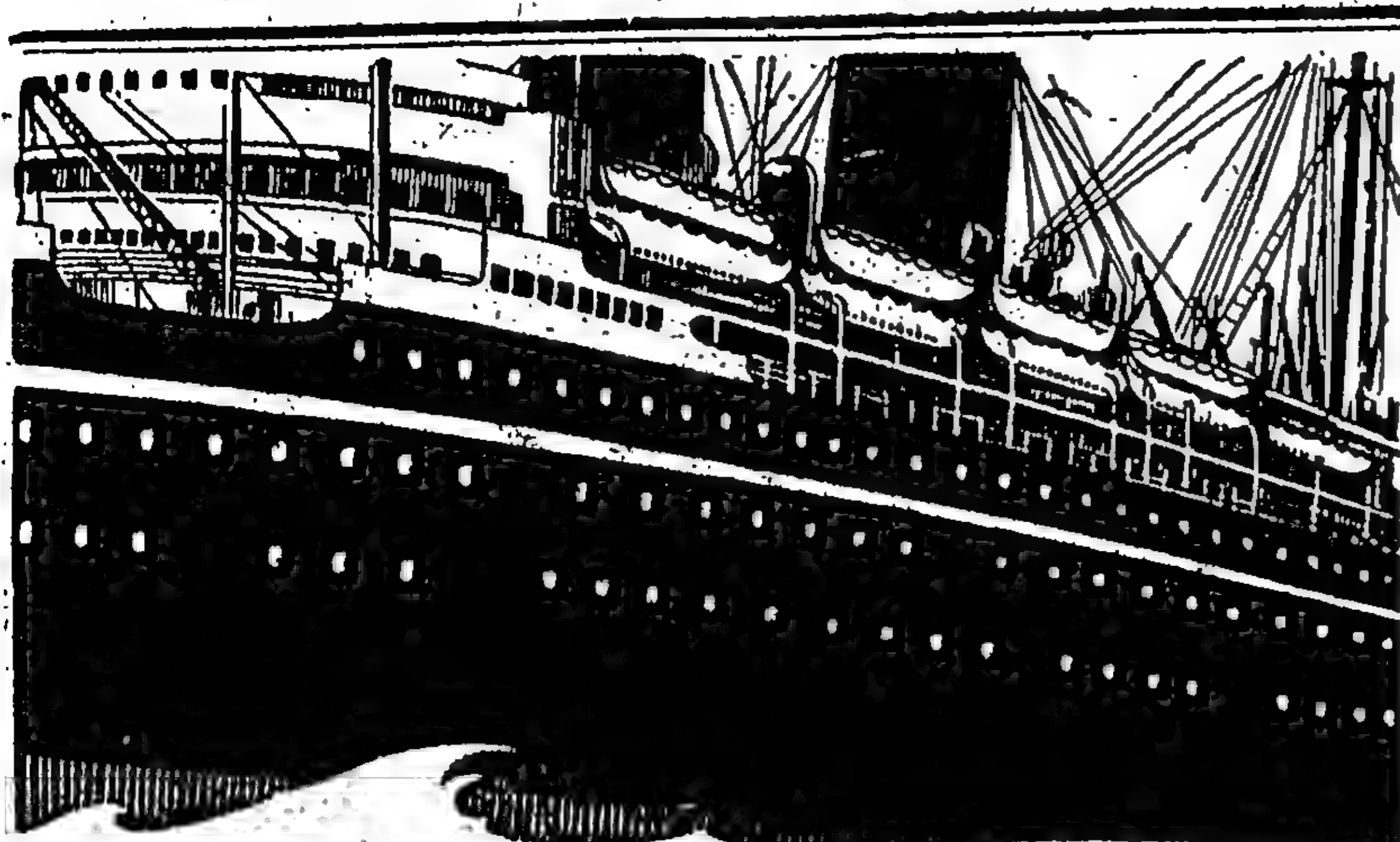
No wonder the new bias skirt is so popular! See what a lovely, fluent grace it gives to this new design. The bodice of this frock is fitted in by darts, creating a small waist that the swirling skirt makes look positively infinitesimal. The Victorian sleeves and square neckline complete its youthful, pictorial charm.

You can do so many different things with this design—make it in calico or gingham for house wear, or in velveteen, thin wool or taffeta, with lace or gleaming metal embroidery, for afternoon.



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Japan and Shanghai	Haruna Maru	January 30.
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Straits	Eumaeus	January 30.
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Japan	Nellore	January 31.
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuen	January 31.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 25th Jan.	Imperial Airways Plane	February 1.
Japan and Shanghai	Lahore	February 1.
Calcutta and Straits	Suisang	February 2.
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U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 7th January).	Pres. Hayes	February 2.
Australia and Manila	Tanda	February 2.
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U.S.A., Honolulu Japan & Shanghai (San Francisco date, 18th Jan.).	Pres. Coolidge	February 3.

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For	Date and Time.
MONDAY	
Haiphong	Canton Mon., Jan. 30, 2.00 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 6th February.	Imperial Airways Plane Mon., Jan. 30. K.P.O.
	Reg., Mon., Jan. 30, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord., Mon., Jan. 30, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.
	Reg., Mon., Jan. 30, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord., Mon., Jan. 30, 7.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney 6th Feb.	Imperial Airways Plane Mon., Jan. 30. K.P.O.
	Reg., Mon., Jan. 30, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord., Mon., Jan. 30, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.
	Reg., Mon., Jan. 30, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord., Mon., Jan. 30, 7.00 p.m.
TUESDAY	
Batavia	Tjisalak Tues., Jan. 31, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Anshun Tues., Jan. 31, 1.30 p.m.
Hoihow and Pakhoi	Kiungchow Tues., Jan. 31, 2.00 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	Jean Dupuis Tues., Jan. 31, 2.00 p.m.
Parcels and Papers only for South Africa via Durban	Buenos Aires Maru Tues., Jan. 31, 2.30 p.m.
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Amoy	Tjisaroca Tues., Jan. 31, 4.00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	
Swatow, Shanghai and Tientsin	Esang Wed., Feb. 1, 10.30 a.m.
THURSDAY	
Manila, Bangkok, Batavia, Mauritius, Reunion and Madagascar	Tegelberg Thur., Feb. 2, 3.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Wingsap Thur., Feb. 2, 4.00 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 9th Feb.	Imperial Airways Plane Thur., Feb. 2. K.P.O.
	Reg., Thur., Feb. 2, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord., Thur., Feb. 2, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.
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	Ord., Thur., Feb. 2, 7.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by Imperial Airways Direct Service—due Sydney, 11th Feb.	Imperial Airways Plane Thur., Feb. 2. G.P.O.
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HARUNA MARU Monday, 30th Jan.

KATORI MARU Saturday, 11th Feb.

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KAMO MARU Saturday, 25th Feb.

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M.V. NEPTUNA Saturday, 11th Feb.

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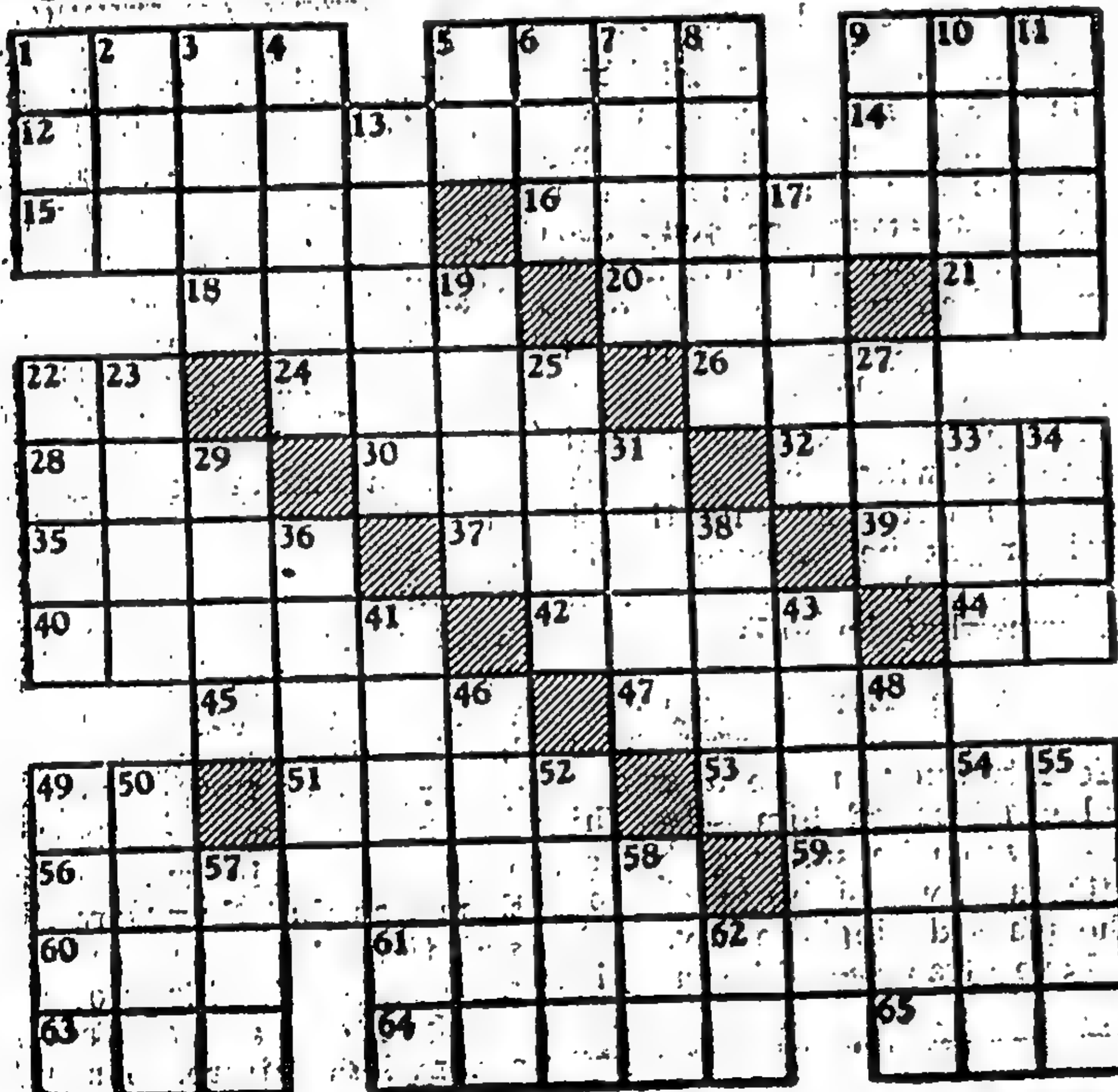
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- 1 Mace
- 5 Jousting field
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- 12 Disgust
- 14 Personality
- 15 Rope
- 16 Conspicuous
- 18 Leander's sweetheart
- 20 Satisfied
- 21 Part of "to be"
- 22 Depart
- 24 To travel about
- 26 To soak
- 28 Chalice
- 30 Shrunken
- 32 Flower genus
- 35 To enrich
- 37 Net
- 39 Was aware
- 40 Melodious
- 42 Pato
- 44 Pronoun
- 45 To condemn mildly
- 47 Elunder
- 49 Preposition
- 51 Days before
- 53 A minor district
- 56 Forgiven

VERTICAL

- 59 Preposition
- 60 Bearing pivot
- 61 Members of retinue
- 63 Music: high
- 64 Position
- 65 Tinge

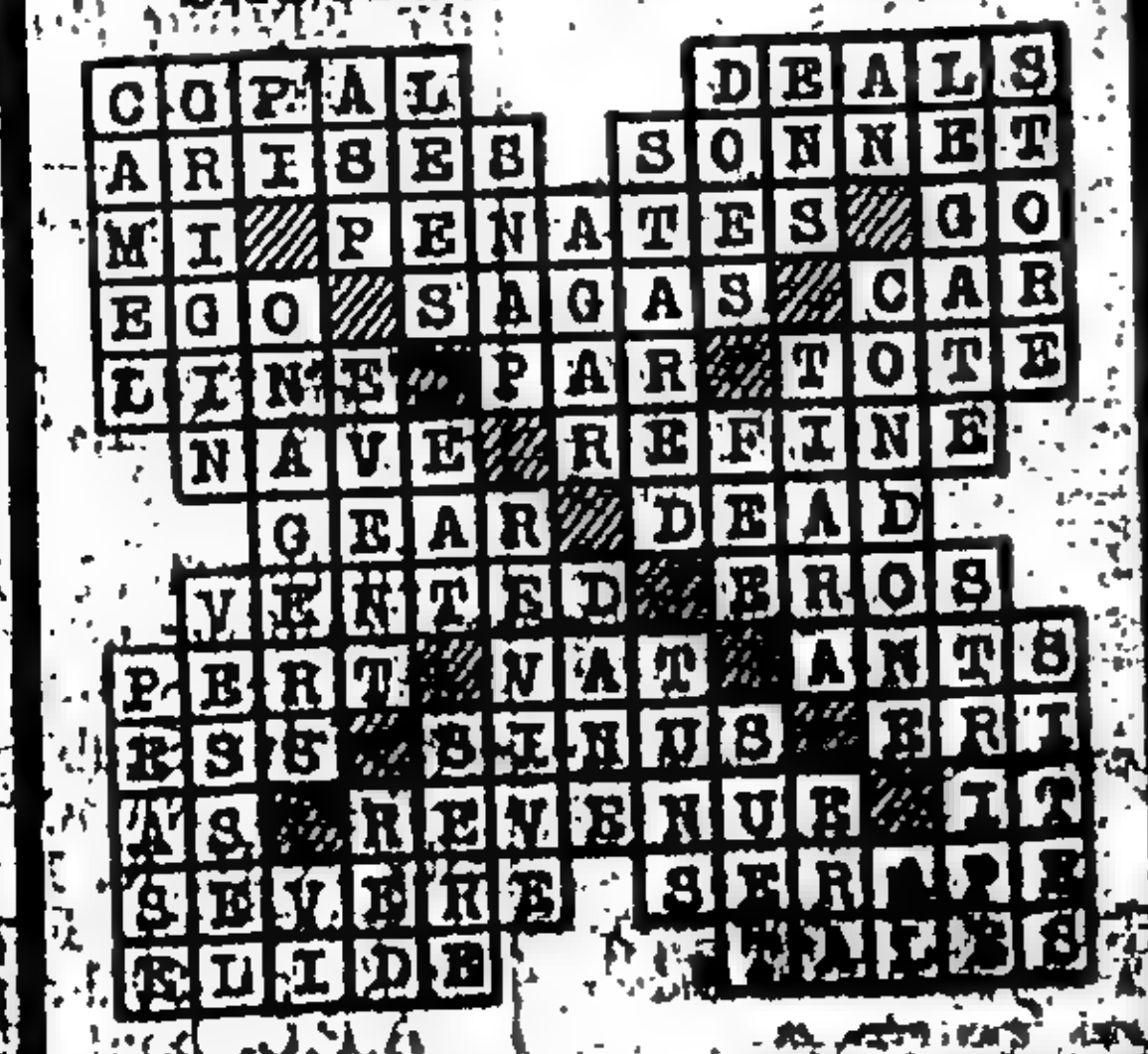
WESTERN

- 3 Western state
- 4 Capacity unit
- 5 Note of scale
- 6 Pronoun
- 7 To feign
- 8 U. S. president
- 9 Ownership
- 10 Vedic fire god

THINGS

- 11 Things
- 13 Something spoken
- 17 Roman highway
- 19 Athletic field
- 22 Show
- 23 Famous caliph
- 25 Girl's name
- 27 Coarse hemp
- 29 Profitless
- 31 Rounded mountain
- 33 To disseminate
- 34 Mischief goddess
- 36 Dazzled
- 38 Whistle
- 41 Tastes
- 43 Stupid person
- 45 Dogma
- 48 Harmonized
- 49 Things done
- 50 Appliances
- 52 Bristle
- 54 Kept bow on to the sea
- 55 Mediate
- 57 To restrain
- 58 Son of Jacob
- 63 Enrichment

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Africa Maru Fri. 3rd Feb.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon

Nissan Maru Sat. 18th Feb.

Havana Maru Wed. 23rd Feb.

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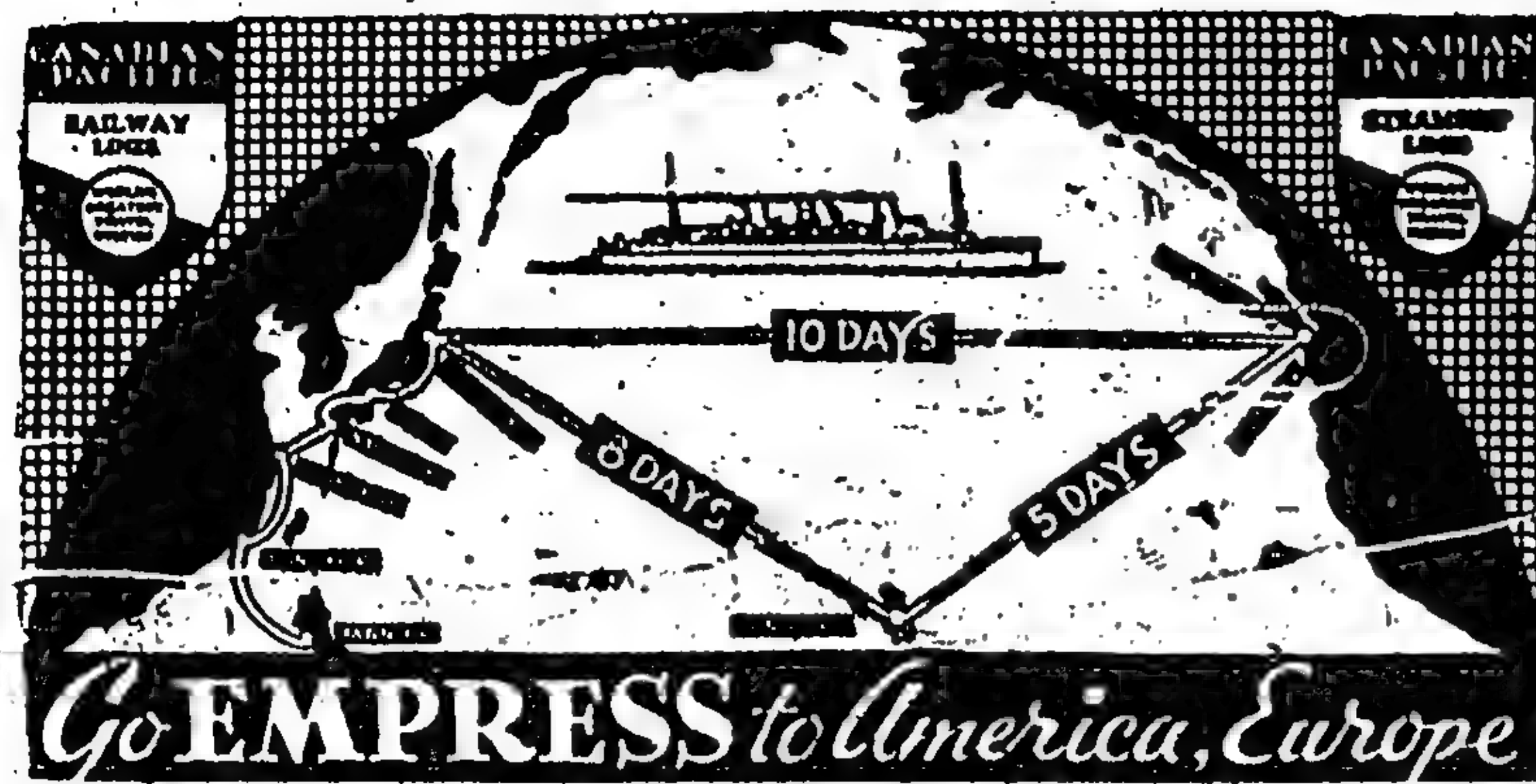
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"MAN WITH SUITCASE" RAN STILL IN FLAT: FRIENDS THOUGHT HE WAS A P.C.

Scotland Yard officers crossed Aristotle-road, Clapham, S.W., and touched the arm of the Man with the Suitcase.

They had watched one house in that road for many hours, peering through the snow storm at a light in a five-roomed flat.

The light disappeared just before the Man with the Suitcase walked out.

At the South-Western Police Court the Man with the Suitcase—Ernest Thomas Riley, 56-year-old decorator, of Kepler-road, Clapham—was fined a total of £1,230, with an alternative of six months' imprisonment.

"REDECORATION"

He had converted the 5-room flat into one of the biggest illicit still depots that have been discovered in London for some time.

Neighbours had noticed some strangers in an empty flat on the opposite side of the road. They were warned not to mention this to the Man with the Suitcase—the charming man whom they had taken to be a policeman himself.

Six weeks ago people living in Aristotle-road welcomed him as a new neighbour. He paid £1 7s 6d, week for the flat, and told other tenants in the block that he was spending a lot of money on having the whole place redecorated.

A woman who was a neighbour told me last night: "He was a very charming man and certainly had the manner of a police officer. He told me that he had been allowed to rent the flat a little cheaper than most of the other tenants because he had agreed to redecorate it himself."

"He explained that there might be a noise while the place was being decorated, and said that he himself might be working during the night, as his business hours were somewhat irregular."

SUGAR AND YEAST

"He introduced us to a man—we always called him the Thin Man—whom he said was the decorator, and would be in and out of the place during the day."

"I have often seen him carrying

suitcases up and down the stairs, but never did we dream that they contained bottles of spirits that he was making at the flat."

"Sometimes a woman, wheeling a pram with two children in it, used to call at the flat and take up parcels. Now I think back, we often used to smell alcohol on the flat stairs, but concluded that somebody must have dropped a bottle or something."

The caretaker of the flats said: "The police watched the flat from an empty one close by, and we were warned not to mention their presence to anybody. When they entered the flat it was completely bare of furniture."

Mr. B. M. Stephenson, for the Customs and Excise, said that when he was stopped, 13 bottles of spirits were found inside the suitcase.

When the flat was searched, four stills, constructed from small dustbins and a kettle, were found. There was a large quantity of spirits in the flat, some of it in bottles capped with gold foil.

In a statement made to the Customs, Riley was alleged to have said that he had been making the spirit for six weeks. He made it, from sugar, raisins, potatoes, malted barley, and yeast, and flavoured the gin with essences.

WITH AN EXPERT

"Not only is the Revenue defrauded," added Mr. Stephenson, "but the health of people who drink the stuff is endangered because the whisky is very raw and vicious."

Riley said. "The prosecution has magnified my offence and made it out that I was running a large concern."

"As a matter of fact, if I had attended a brewers' exhibition and seen the huge equipment which is necessary for making spirits, I would have had a different point of view, and yet they point to me with my sixpenny-halfpenny dustbins, which are more suitable for a Laurel and Hardy film."

"The Customs officials' opinion about my spirits when they tasted them was that they were diabolical and that no sane person would have called it whisky or gin."

"My efforts at manufacture were a complete failure. I should have put labels on the bottles that they were 'Whiskine' or 'Gintine' in much the same way as they make a substitute drink for port wine known as 'Red Bibby'."

Excise authorities believe that there is a large quantity of illicit liquor reaching the market. The loss to the Revenue is put at thousands of pounds a year, and they are satisfied that Riley is not the only man in London making homemade spirits. Another arrest by Flying Squad officers is said to be likely.

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American Express beat Education Dept. at 20th.
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LITHUANIAN VIEW ON MEMEL

Kovno, To-day.

The Lithuanian Government will place no obstacles in the way of developments in Memel territory, stated the Lithuanian Prime Minister, Dr. Mironas, in addressing the editors of leading Lithuanian newspapers whom he had called in to urge upon them the necessity for restraint in discussing the present trend.

He declared that the new Memel Directorate had announced that it intended to rule Memel Territory according to National-Socialist principles. Having regard to the interest shown in Germany towards these questions, the Lithuanian Government did not wish any collision.—Trans-Ocean.

SWITZERLAND WILL BAN FOREIGN BOYCOTTS

Berne, Jan. 22.

The Swiss Government has issued a decree banning an economic boycott against foreign powers.

The first article of the decree states that anyone stirring up an economic boycott against a specific foreign country or a specific foreign people will, if residing in Switzerland, be given a maximum sentence of three months' imprisonment or a fine of Swiss Frs. 2,000.

It may be recalled that the "Tageblatt Der Stadt Zurich" published an article on December 13 last year inviting the population to boycott Japanese goods. The article was signed by Herr Willi Lussi, local director of the International Peace Campaign.—Havas.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 12-7/8.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London at 20-3/16 and forward at 19-7/8.

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A.W. NUGENT

Answer to Saturday's puzzle:

- 1—skates.
- 2—books.
- 3—saxophones.
- 4—bicycle.

Answer to-morrow.

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Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

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INSURANCES	
Canton Ins.	\$220 s.
Union Ins.	\$450 b., \$460 s., \$455 sa.
H. K. Fire Ins.	\$170 b.
MINING	
Antamoks Ps.	44½ sa.
Atoks Ps.	34 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps.	26½ sa.
Benguet Consol. Ps.	13.30 sa.
Coco Grove Ps.	47 sa.
Consolidated Mines Ps.	0025 sa.
Demonstrations Ps.	22 sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps.	11½ sa.
San Mauricio Ps.	1.72 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps.	21½ sa.
United Paracales Ps.	66 sa.
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
H. K. Tramways	\$17 s., \$16.80 sa.
China Lights (Ex. Rts.)	\$8.30 b., \$8.30 sa.
China Lights (Rights)	\$3 b.
H. K. Electrics	\$56½ sa.
Telephones (Old)	\$23½ s., \$23 sa.
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Cements	\$15.80 s.
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Dairy Farms	\$23 sa.
Watsons	\$7.55 sa.
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JEWES OFF TO SOUTH AMERICA

Paris, Yesterday.

Some 400 Jews embarked at La Pallice for South America yesterday. All emigrants were about 30 years of age and had come from Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland. Another 800 Jews will leave France in the near future for the same destination.—Trans-Ocean.

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GERMAN PURCHASE OF PLANTATION WORRIES WASHINGTON

Washington, Jan. 23.

American political quarters appeared uneasy to-day on learning about the purchase of a rubber plantation in Samana Bay, Saint Dominique, by the German agent, Herr Eisberger.

The Bay offers possibilities for the establishment of a naval base and was visited by U.S. President Roosevelt during his recent cruise in that region recently. At the time, the United States was envisaging the establishment of a naval base there.—Havas.

DAUGHTER OF EX-WAYFOONG CHIEF ENGAGED

The engagement is announced of Miss Josephine Alexandra (Susan) Stabb, second daughter of the late Sir Newton and Lady Stabb, of Farnham Hall, Saxmundham, Suffolk, to Squadron Leader Lawrence W. Burgess, R. A. F., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Burgess of 68 Palace Court, London, W.2.

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Hong Kong, 1st March, 1937.

Hockey Trial Disappoints

Bond, Gonsalves & Hook Play Themselves Into Colony XI

FAILURE OF FORWARDS FEATURED (By "STICKS")

The second and final Interport hockey trial which was held on the Club ground yesterday morning, proved very disappointing as there was something very essential lacking in the play and that something was "spirit." Everybody appeared to be stale and disinterested in the play with one or two exceptions, and the trial taught us nothing that we did not know before.

V. C. Bond and J. Gonsalves made certain of their positions in the Colony's full-back division, while Lt. Hook played his way into the Colony half-back line with a very fine exhibition, at centre-half.

Four goalkeepers were on view yesterday and with the exception of Benwell, who brought off two excellent saves, none were really tested. Osman, of whom much has been said, made one kicking clearance and that was all that we saw of him. King was erratic and responsible for a goal, while Ribeiro rarely saw the ball.

Bond was easily the pick of the four full-backs on display, his fine interceptions, reverse-stick clearances and excellent positional play being responsible for continually breaking up opposition attacks. He was well supported by J. Gonsalves, in the second half, when they played for Possibles.

HOOK'S GOOD GAME

With the exception of Hook, who stood head and shoulders above the other halves on display, there was little to enthuse about in the work of the intermediate lines.

Hassan was the pick of the right-halves, but did not come anywhere near his previous form, while Malik was easily the pick of the left-halves, his positional play, feeding and spoiling being sound. Whitley showed up well in the first-half, but fell away greatly in the second when he was repeatedly beaten by Pritam Nath.

Probably the most disappointing feature of yesterday's trial was the

MY INTERPORT HOCKEY XI

Taking into consideration the season's performances, and the two trial matches I would select the following to represent Hong Kong against Macao on Sunday, February 19:

Lt. Goodwin (R.N.)

* * *

V. C. Bond (C.B.A.)

J. Gonsalves (Recreio)

* * *

Lt. Hook (R.A.)

W. A. Reed (Club)

M. R. Malik (K.I.T.C.)

* * *

S. A. Fowler (Club)

Lt. Pritam Nath (Rajputs)

Lt. Cdr. Kennedy (R. Navy)

L/Nk. Nerain Singh (Kumaons)

Rfm. Partaub Singh (Kumaons)

Reserves:—

H. Sommer (Full-back)

N. Whitley (half-back)

Pyara Singh (forward)

Gurbachan Singh (forward)

work of the respective forward lines.

FORWARDS DISAPPOINT

In the first-half, Probables' attack could not fall into their stride

15 PLAYERS SELECTED

The following 15 players have been selected to travel to Macao on Sunday, February 19, to meet the Macao hockey Club in the annual Interport match:

V. C. BOND (CLUB).

S. A. FOWLER (C.B.A.).

M. R. MALIK (K.I.T.C.).

LT. GOODWIN (R. NAVY).

LT. HOOK (R.A.).

LT. CDR. KENNEDY (R. NAVY).

R. MARQUES (RECREIO).

W. A. REED (CLUB).

J. GONSALVES (RECREIO).

LT. PRITAM NATH (RAJ-PUTS).

PYARA SINGH (K.I.T.C.).

RFM. PARTAUB SINGH (K. RIFLES).

L/NK. NERAIN SINGH (K. RIFLES).

N. WHITLEY (CLUB).

LT. WOODS (R. NAVY).

The two umpires selected to travel to Macao with the Colony team are R. Henderson and K. Hussein.

until late and, as a result, there was little cohesion or understanding. Smith was badly supported and rarely centred the ball accurately, while Pritam Nath and Kennedy both faded out before reaching the circle. Gurbachan Singh (an inside-right) and Pyara Singh (a centre-forward) were seen at inside-left and left-wing, respectively, and were both failures, too much individualism featuring their displays. Pyara Singh was rarely in a position to take a pass and when in possession hung onto the ball much too long.

In Possibles' forward-line, during the initial half, Fowler, on the right-wing, was also badly served by the supporting half-back and inside-forward, being starved for a greater portion of the half.

KRAUS TOO SLOW

Bartlett was a failure at inside-right and did not come into the picture until late in the half when he intercepted a pass and nearly scored, over-running the ball when inside the circle. Kraus was much too slow at centre-forward, while Fonseca's over-eagerness more often than not found him in an offside position. I am afraid that Fonseca's chances of making the team are very remote. Miller, on the left-wing, tried hard but found Gonsalves' steadiness and positioning too sound to be very effective.

In the second half Parker was seen to advantage at left-half, although he irritated by hanging onto the ball a trifle longer than necessary. His spoiling, however, was great.

STILL SELFISH

Khuda Bux, H.K.S.R.A.'s right-winger, was hopelessly starved and when he did receive the ball was rarely in a position to cross it effectively into the centre. Pritam Nath and Kennedy had improved, however, and some very pretty movements were witnessed. Fonseca, at inside-left, also showed an improvement and did not lie very far forward, but he badly bungled several opportunities in the circle by over-eagerness. Pyara Singh, strangely enough, also displayed better form on the left-wing and scored a "picture-goal," but he should have centred more often.

Bond and Gonsalves, in Possibles' full-back division, were very sound

EASTERN DEFEAT S. CHINA 'A'

South China "A" received a rude set-back in their First Division game against Eastern on the Club ground yesterday and were defeated by the odd goal in three. The absence of Lee Tin-sang, through an injury, resulted in a reshuffling of the team.

Eastern were the better team in the first half and after obtaining their two goals lead, were great in the defence where they were able to stop Fung and his colleagues.

Lee Kwok-wai was the outstanding player for South China and displayed great coolness throughout the game.

In the other First Division game, Police defeated Royal Scots by 2 goals to 1. Duncan was injured in a collision. Johnson, who made a return to local football, scored a good goal.

In the "A" Section of the Third Division, P.W.D. were held to a goalless draw by South China.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT AND SCORERS

FIRST DIVISION

Eastern 2 South China 'A' 1
(Hsu King-shing and Hau Ching-to) (Lai Shui-wing).

H. K. Police 2 Royal Scots 1
(Johnston and Howlett) (Hossack).

SECOND DIVISION

Eastern 1 South China 7
(Lee Bing-tong) (Chin Chi-fai, Tui Yang-fat, Chan Chun-yin, Luke Fat-hang).

Royal Scots 7 Police 1
(Keene (2), Williamson (2), Callaghan (2) and Fraser) (Taylor).

THIRD DIVISION "A"

R.A.S.C. 0 Royal Scots 7
(Bailey (3) and Garrie (4)).

South China 0 P.W.D. 0
Kit Chee 3 Engineers (C.) 2
(Chow Kwai-cheong, Kwok Chan Loy and Tee For-lin) (Chung Sun and Li Muk-lan).

THIRD DIVISION "B"

A.S.A. 1 Stonecutters 6
(Souza) (Tufnell (2), Heap (2), Croft and Kew).

University 0 Signals 5
(Cheung Ah-chee (own goal), Parry (2), Scully and Marsden).

and will fit in well together. Hook again impressed as pivot, while Fowler saw more of the ball on the right-wing and was dangerous on one or two occasions with good shots at goal.

As I stated earlier on, there was little to enthuse over. As a unit, both teams failed badly, and there was lacking that essential co-operation between the defence and the attack.

FIRST HALF

Probables: J. J. King; J. Gonsalves and D. Taylor; R. Marques; W. A. Reed and M. R. Malik; D. T. Smith, Lt. Pritam Nath, Lt. Cdr. Kennedy, Gurbachan Singh and Pyara Singh.

Possibles: O. Ribeiro; V. C. Bond and H. Sommer; M. H. Hassan, Lt. Hook and N. Whitley; S. A. Fowler, H. T. Bartlett, U. Kraus, J. Fonseca and F. O. Miller.

SECOND HALF

Probables: Pte. Osman; D. Taylor and H. Sommer; R. Marques; W. A. Reed and J. Parker; L. Nk. Khuda Bux, Lt. Pritam Nath, Lt. Cdr. Kennedy, J. Fonseca and Pyara Singh.

Possibles: V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond and J. Gonsalves; M. H. Hassan, Lt. Hook and N. Whitley; S. A. Fowler, H. T. Bartlett, U. Kraus, Gurbachan Singh and F. O. Miller.



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Coupling Of St. Andrew's And Hoylake

(By "W. S." — By AIR MAIL)

CARNOUSTIE'S VOTE—A RULES BEE

THE present year of grace starts, so far as golf is concerned, with at any rate one guaranteed distinction — the coupling of St. Andrews and Hoylake for the Championships. I may be treading on somebody's corns, but I think that these two famous courses make the greatest conjunction possible in any one year in this connection; and, while any attempt to particularise in prediction as to what will happen at either venue in the coming summer should daunt even the prescient Old Moore, history will be a strangely false guide if the Championships the courses produce are not in every way worthy of the occasions.

The President's Putter tournament, completed recently, did its annual service to the memory of a notable Scottish golfer who had one of the best and shrewdest minds in the game, and who both wrote and said many excellent things. I refer, of course, to John L. Low.

The President's Putter commemorates for the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society the man who first held their chief office, and does so through the club which helped Hugh Kirkaldy to win the Open Championship in 1891, and which Low gifted to them. One of the things that Low declared was that championships should be held at St. Andrews and Hoylake and nowhere else. That, no doubt, would have been his ready-made answer to talk sometimes heard of a national course.

THE HONOURS LIST

In the light of present-day experience, his opinion is too exclusive, but it emphasises the point I have made about this year's pairing of the courses—St. Andrews for the Open; Hoylake for the Amateur Championship. In the circumstances, it may be excusable to glance back at the big events there. Hugh Kirkaldy, to whom I have already referred, was the last winner of the Open when it was played over 36 holes, and there were other great players in the spacious days that went before him, but if you glance over the records since the Championship test was extended to four rounds, you will be confronted with an impressive list of names of winners over these two courses. Taylor and Braid both won at St. Andrews twice, and coming to post-war years you have "Jock" Hutchison with, admittedly, a more than normally lucky win in 1921 after the dramatic tie with Roger Wethered; the Bobby Jones triumph in 1927 amid an acclamation of which the echoes will never die; and the U.S. tie six years ago, when Shute won.

Hoylake's Open winners began with Harold Hilton, the only amateur victory in the event there except that of Jones, but right up to standard, and to his success have since been added those of Sandy Herd, the first with the rubber-core ball; Massy, the first foreign victor; J. H. Taylor in a gale which was inevitably recalled by Whitcombe's win at Sandwich last year; Walter Hagen, Bobby Jones, and Alf Padgham who, by the way, is, even at this early date, a tip for St. Andrews. Padgham, they say, has got his putting back. Cotton, and Bobby Locke would make spectacular duellists in a tight finish. Locke wants a big-set test with Cotton. St. Andrews may stage it.

FAMOUS AMATEURS

St. Andrews and Hoylake have given the accolade of the Amateur Championship to players whose merits cannot be questioned, even if some were obviously greater golfers than others. A. F. Macie was the first of the line at Hoylake in a championship that did not till many years afterwards receive the R. and A.'s imprimatur, and Horace Hutchinson was the title's first winner over the Old Course. Hutchinson afterwards won on both courses, and was followed at St. Andrews by John E. Laidlay (twice), Balfour-Melville, and, towards the end of the pre-war period, Hilton and John Ball. Hilton, not least of whose characteristics was his apparently eternal cigarette, was the last of the pre-war winners at St. Andrews.

Since then we have had Holderness, a player who in his heyday probably hit fewer destructive strokes than any of his contemporaries; Bobby Jones

adding another stone to his immortal "quadrilateral," and Hector Thompson triumphing in the end over Ferrier, of Australia, who typified the extension of golf's world province in more recent years. John Ball naturally figures more than once on the Hoylake list, for his home links was bound to make some contribution to his wonderful collection of eight championships, and in the distinguished company who won there also were Freddie Tait, James Robb, and, in post-war golf, Willie Hunter, who afterwards settle down in United States professionalism, Dr. Tweddell, and the Hon. Michael Scott, the last mentioned at 55 and in the teeth of United States and Canadian competition too, one of the most amazing winners in all history. The two courses have certainly a notable story to carry on.

CARNOUSTIE'S VOTE

Is it a story that, so far as the Old Course is concerned, will one of these years come to an end? Are the demands of these new times to write "Finis" across the championship connection of the classic green? Sir



Nairne Stewart Sandeman, one of the enthusiasts for a super course at St. Andrews on up-to-date lines, indicated the other day that the project is by no means dead, and that the Town Council have it in mind and are planning the present Jubilee course reconstruction accordingly. Probably there would be much less controversy about a super course than about Sunday play. Sir Nairne has nevertheless been bold enough to suggest Sunday golf on the Eden or the New course.

Opinion in many quarters in Scotland has advanced in favour of Sunday golf. No doubt many people share Sir Nairne's view that there are many worse things than playing golf on Sunday, but the Carnoustie postcard plebiscite on the question gave an emphatic verdict against the innovation there. In a poll that represented 75 per cent. of the voters the vote was rather more than 2 to 1. The majority against was 903. Mr. James Wright, whose local patriotism as regards Carnoustie's courses is second to none, and who did more than anybody to put Carnoustie on the championship map, is a keen advocate of Sunday play, and he specially circularised his fellow-townpeople, pointing out, *inter alia*, that "Sunday golf is a legitimate, healthy pastime," and that there was no statutory law against it. That and other arguments have been of no avail, and the Town Council were expected to implement the plebiscite voice. One of Mr. Wright's circularised points was that Sunday golf is bound to come, and he is positive that time will yet prove him a sound prophet.

ENGLAND- SCOTLAND SOCCER MATCH

Improvements At Wembley

(By AIR MAIL)

Wembley Stadium announce that an agreement has now been completed with the English Football Association, which will ensure the playing of the English Cup final annually, and the international match between England and Scotland every other year, for at least another ten years.

Various improvements are in hand at Wembley, which will enhance the amenities available for

INTER-HONG SOFTBALL LEAGUE STARTS

Yesterday's Results

Following were the scores of yesterday's Softball League games:

MEN'S LEAGUE

Canadian Chinese 3, English Forum 2.
Central British 10, St. Joseph's 6.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Canadian Chinese 15, Central British 2.
Cubs 45, Panthers 17.

INTRA-HONG LEAGUE

Netherlands Bank 11, Texaco 0.
Shell Oil 5, National City Bank 3.

the public, and the Empire Stadium alterations which have been effected will increase the capacity for the cup final, to be played on April 29, to approximately 100,000.

Work has also been started on a new main approach to the stadium direct, through the old exhibition grounds from Wembley Park Station, though this scheme is unlikely to be completed before midsummer.

Position Of Feet In Stance

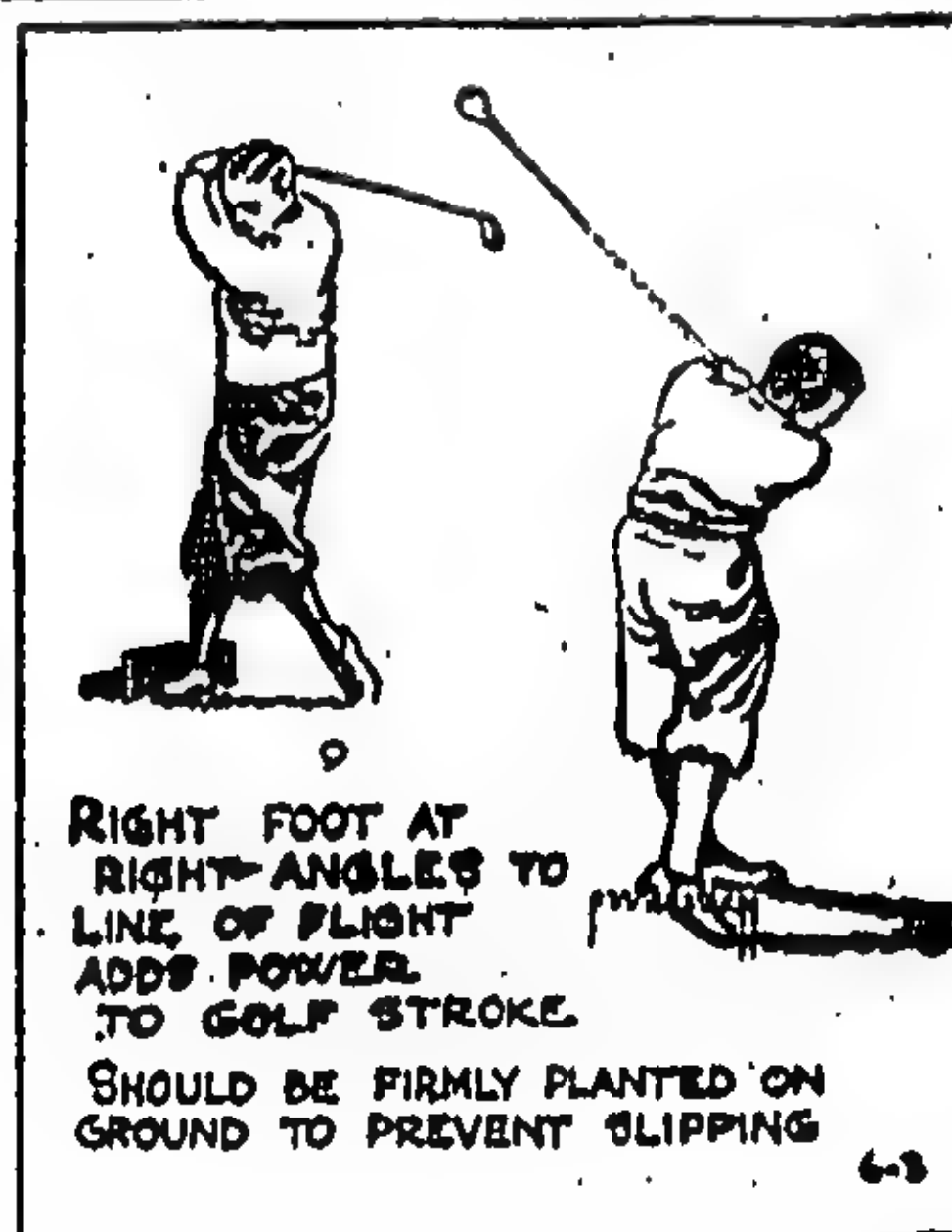
By BEST BALL

It is not enough that the golfer in assuming his stance considers only the fact that he feels balanced. The feet should be so placed that the body turn is facilitated and the greatest use of the muscles of the body made possible. For example, a slight turn of the left toe toward the objective will add immeasurably to the smoothness of the left hip motion. Pointed too straight or too oblique, the toe's position is likely to cause a tenseness, not only in the muscles of the leg but throughout the left side. But placed at the correct angle, the left knee joint is loosened,

Jones, for example, always liked to think that his right foot was propped against some object, from which he could push forward to add that much more power to the blow.

Wednesday—Forward Press

GRAPHIC GOLF



allowing a full measure of body turn and weight transference. On the other side, the right leg requires no such knee action, for it merely straightens out to a certain extent instead of shifting around. Possibly its best position is one in which it is aligned at right angles to the line of flight. In such a position it enjoys its greatest chance to help the body action. It should be firmly planted on the ground so that there is no chance of slipping. The muscles of this leg add their full share to the blow when properly used. Bobby

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GOLDEN MILLER SUFFERING FROM RHEUMATISM

Golden Miller is suffering from a form of muscular rheumatism. This is the reason why he has been missing races he was expected to run in. The complaint is not regarded as serious, and otherwise the horse is quite sound. He is so well, indeed, that his trainer will be quite satisfied if he can run him once only before the Cheltenham Gold Cup. To win that race is the horse's chief objective of the season.

YESTERDAY'S CRICKET MATCHES

H.K.V.D.C. WIN

At King's Park, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps beat Royal Navy by four wickets.

Royal Navy: 144 (Capt. Whitmarsh 46, Carver 30, Bowden 10, Read not out 13; W. Stoker 3 for 16, D. McLellan 4 for 38).

Volunteers: 145 for 6 wkts. (G. Sougla not out 36, A. E. Perry 28, L. T. Ride 22, R. M. M. King 17, T. A. Madar 17; Booth 2 for 23, Capt. Whitmarsh 2 for 42).

K.C.C. BEATEN

At Cox's Road yesterday, Police Recreation Club defeated Kowloon Cricket Club by four wickets.

K.C.C.: 73 (N. A. E. Mackay 18, W. L. McKenzie 12, A. Wright 11; C. Pope 5 for 26, A. E. Carey 3 for 19).

Police R.C.: 196 (W. L. Clark not out 65, A. E. Carey 19, P. H. Loughlin 18, L. H. Oakley 35, C. L. Logan 10; J. G. Macfarlane 5 for 42, B. D. Lay 3 for 35).



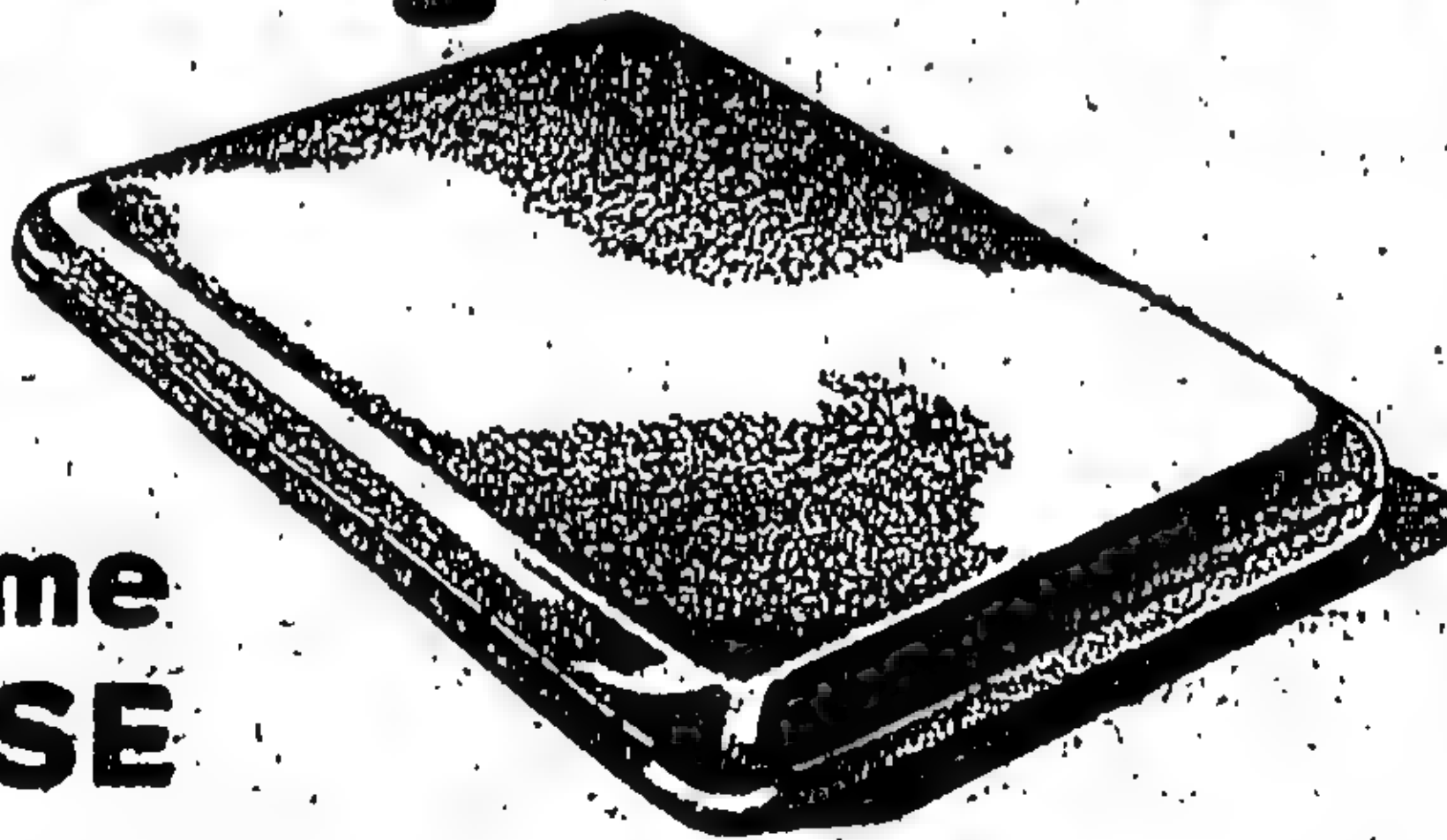
M.C.C. TOURISTS GIVE £25 TO BAKEWELL'S FUND

Durban, (By Air Mail).—Members of the M.C.C. team in South Africa have contributed a sum of £25 to the fund which the Northampton Cricket Club has opened on behalf of A. H. Bakewell, the England and Northants opening batsman, who was involved in a serious motor accident in August 1936. Bakewell received severe head and arm injuries, which have prevented him playing for the last two seasons.

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KOWLOON C.C.'S SOUND DISPLAY AGAINST ARMY



S. V. GITTINS is now getting a few runs.

IF Kowloon Cricket Club did not win very decisively against Army on Saturday, this game, if it did nothing else, revealed a balance in the batting and bowling departments that has not been apparent in the team from many years—their championship year not excluded.

Kowloon's bowling has, over such a lengthy period, been so far below the batting, that the inability of the team to force definite results after putting together very respectable scores, has almost become traditional.

With the fine form displayed by Frank Goodwin and Donald Anderson on Saturday, I should now say that this side, with Robbie Lee and Lloyd to open and further changes such as Baxter capable of taking an over or two, can boast an attack comparable with any in the Colony.

On Saturday both Lee and Lloyd failed. The former bowled excellently for his first two overs. He was swinging away to the off and making quite a fair pace off the wicket. With but a little more fortune he would have taken the wickets of both Murray and Logan during this period, but a stumping chance was missed and several slip chances just failed to go to hand. He was never really dangerous after the shine was taken off the ball.

Lloyd bowled one or two nice ones, but generally speaking was woefully erratic in his length.

A Mystery!

The two Army opening batsmen managed to keep their wickets intact while 80 runs were scored. How they managed to do so will remain an everlasting mystery to everyone who saw the game. Logan, with unfailing regularity, nibbled at the off balls and gave chances in the general direction of slips and gully. Unfortunately for K.C.C. none of them quite went to hand although Robbie Lee did put down a hard one in the gully.

Murray was little better. After he had been missed about four times, he did settle down a bit and played one or two nice shots through the covers.

With the Army score in the seventies, Goodwin relieved Lloyd and a short while later Anderson was put on in place of Lee.

Goodwin struck a length right away and kept both batsmen playing at balls just outside the off stump with the result that a further crop of "if" shots just failed to go to hand.

Anderson's first over gave no indication of what was to come. Logan, played a sharp off-break round to square-leg for four and never appeared in any trouble.

Eventful Over

Then came fireworks! The first ball of his second over to Murray broke back beautifully and took the off stump; the next, Weedon played straight back and was c and b. With the field crowding in for the "hat-trick" and Goodwin mentally dusting off the very handsome trophy presented by the K.C.C. for that feat, Land played the next ball successfully!

More was to come, however, off the last ball of the over, Land had a slam at an off-break pitched well outside the off stump, Lloyd stretch-

ed out a very long arm and the score, after being 80 for 0, was 80 for 3! It was then nine minutes past five and from K.C.C.'s point of view, things looked more interesting.

With the score at 91, Anderson got one past Logan shortly after that batsman had reached his 50. His was an extremely lucky knock.

He revealed some effective though unorthodox shots on the leg-side, but was woefully lacking in offside strokes.

Nevertheless, his innings had been very useful and he had kept well ahead of the clock throughout.

Wickets now began to fall regularly. Both Anderson and Goodwin were bowling aggressively and even hard-hitting Godby found it almost impossible to get the ball away, although he defended stoutly.

Godby Out

At 5.35, Major Swyers joined Godby and a further 30 runs were added in 21 minutes and hopes of a K.C.C. victory were rapidly become more remote. At four minutes to six, however, Anderson at last managed to get a faster one

BY "ADREM"

through Godby's defence and the last over was called with two wickets still intact.

Lee's first ball disposed of Swyers, l.b.w. (N), his next, a real beauty, took Hatfield's middle stump and K.C.C. had just scraped home.

Their fielding had been very ragged, Baxter in particular being very poor. I cannot understand why this young cricketer—as great an enthusiast as has ever played for K.C.C.—has not made some effort to brush up this department of his game. He will never get very far with his fielding what it is at the moment.

A bouquet for Frank Goodwin. Never celebrated for his fielding, he gave a fine display at mid-off and backward point when K.C.C. needed to be tight in the field, and set a fine example to the rest of the team.

His bowling also would have been a revelation to those who have been inclined to relegate him to the category of the has-been. Anderson bowled well up to the standard of his University days and this success should encourage him to even greater deeds from now on.

Kowloon's Innings

Kowloon won the toss and Goodwin elected to bat. Army secured an early advantage with Hatfield

bowling at the top of his form. His length was beyond reproach and he was whipping them back very sharply from the off, being almost impossible to get away. Teddy Fincher was bowled with a beauty, Mackay was yorked after E. F. Fincher had been bowled by Godby, and three wickets were down for 38.

Anderson was still there, however, and scored 41 out of 84 before being caught behind the wicket, and shortly after this, Baxter, who was shaping very well, hit across a full toss from Swires and was clean-bowled with the score 89 for 5.

This ended the run of success for Army as after Godby and Hatfield were taken off the bowling was very mediocre. Burnett and Broadbridge scored steadily on the leg and added 48 runs before Broadbridge, who was very inclined to

loft his hooks, lofted one into Godby's hands at mid-wicket.

Batting Strength

Goodwin declared a few minutes after four with the score at 166 for 7, Gittins, who is now getting a few runs, being not out 18.

This innings again served to emphasise the strength of K.C.C.'s batting. On performance, the only member of the team who cannot be classified as a batsman is Goodwin and even he is capable of knocking up a quick 20 or 30.

To sum up, if K.C.C. could only tighten up in the field, I would name them the finest-balanced combination in the Colony.

Army are far too dependant on one or two men to be really great, although I can see them causing some upsets before the season is out.

MEDWAY ENTER ADVENTURE CUP RUGBY FINAL

Knapman's Brilliant Full-Back Display

(By "REFEREE")

H.M.S. Medway and Submarines yesterday entered the final of the H.M.S. Adventure Rugby Cup Competition when they defeated H.M.S. Dorsetshire by a try (3 points) to nil after a terrific struggle during which frayed tempers were very much in evidence.

Medway secured the winning try in the last minutes of the game when Talbot broke away on the blind side before transferring to Lt. Anderson, who subsequently sent Lt. Griffiths over near the corner flag.

Outstanding feature of the game was the brilliant display of A. B. Knapman, Dorsetshire's full-back. His deadly tackling saved at least three certain scores, while his kicking was magnificent. Above all, he was very cool and never lost his head in a dangerous moment.

MAGNIFICENT FORWARDS

Tribute must be paid to Dorsetshire for their magnificent display at forward where they were up against practically a Navy pack which included such outstanding players as Lt. Boddington, Lt. Anderson, Lt. Griffiths, Lt. Darling and Lt. St. John, while behind the scrum Lt. Talbot and Surg. Lt. Ellis were also conspicuous.

Dorsetshire's back division was, if anything, the better of the two and only deadly tackling by Medway's wing forwards and centres prevented a score, while Lt. Catlow, at full-back, was also very sound.

"CUP TIE" ATMOSPHERE
A real "Cup-Tie" atmosphere prevailed and boos and hisses from

CHANGE IN MALAYAN RUGBY UNION COMPLEMENT

The Malayan Rugby Union notify that 2/Lt. J. H. Procter, of The Loyal Regiment, which is now stationed in Singapore, has replaced G. F. Brown, Selagor left-wing threequarter, who is unable to make the trip to the Colony.

the large gathering of supporters from both ships added to the game's features. There was no lack of moral support and it was probably this that helped Dorsetshire stave off attack after attack in the second half.

Tribute must also be paid to Dr. "Jake" Selby for his masterly handling of the game during which several players had to be cautioned for rough and dangerous play.

SATURDAY'S FINAL

On the run of the play, Medway just deserved their victory, but will have to play much better if they hope to beat Eagle in the final next Saturday on the Navy ground.

This final is being held at 2.15 p.m. so that spectators who intend watching the Malayan Rugby tour-ists in action against the Club Interport fifteen, which takes place on the Club ground, can watch both games.

Medway.—Lieut. Catlow; Lieut. Mars, Lieut. Edmonds, Surg.-Lieut. Ellis, Sub. Lt. Lambert; Lieut. Talbot, Lieut. Chapman; Lieut. Boddington, Lieut.-Cmdr. Browne, Tel. Yates, Lieut. Darling, Lieut. St. John, Lieut. Griffiths, Lieut. Anderson, Sig. Knight.

H.M.S. Dorsetshire.—A. B. Knapman; S. P. O. Murphy, Mid. Marriott, A. B. Sartaz, A. B. Griffin; L. S. Smith, Sto. Goodwin, Mne. Boyland, A. B. Kavanagh, L. Sto. Heaman, Lieut. Roycraft, S. P. O. Masters, Mid. Young, Lieut. Pumphrey, Lieut. Collins.

Music Hall
And Other
London Relays

12.00-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Laslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano.
12.42 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Latest Dance Music.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Variety including Vic Oliver, Florence Desmond, The Mills Brothers and the Ballyhooligans. Swing Is The Thing (from 'Blackbirds of 1936').
The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar).
Choo-Choo—Quickstep.
China Boy—Quickstep.
The Ballyhooligans.
In Love Again (from 'Seeing')

To-day's Wireless

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Light Variety:
Dance Music:
Gilbert & Sullivan

Stars' (With Impressions of Bing Crosby and Elizabeth Bergner).
Florence Desmond (Comedienne) with Orchestra.
Butting In (Oliver).
Vic Oliver Goes Naughty (Oliver).
Vic Oliver (Comedian).
Temptation Rag—Fox-Trot.
Somebody Stole My Gal—Fox-Trot.
The Ballyhooligans.
Put On Your Old Grey Bonnet (Murphy and Wenrich).
Sleepy Head (Kahn).
The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar).
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—For The Children.
6.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.
6.45 p.m.—London Relay—Music-Hall.

Including Bennett and Williams (Two jovial boys with their phonographs) and Renee Houston and Donald Stewart with The BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Charles Shadwell. Presented by John Sharman.
7.45 p.m.—Quentin Maclean at the Organ.
China Doll Parade (Zamecnik).
Babbling (Quentin M. Maclean).
"The Gold Diggers Of Broadway"—Selection (Burke).
With the Regal Cinema Orchestra cond. by Emanuel Starkey.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Edward German — Three Dances From Nell Gwyn.
Country Dance.
Pastoral Dance.
Merrymakers' Dance.
Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra conducted by Sir Dan Godfrey.
8.13 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.
"The Gondoliers".
Of Happiness The Very Pith.
Derek Oldham, George Baker and Chorus.
Rising Early In The Morning.
George Baker and Chorus.
"The Gondoliers".
With Duca! Pomp.
Henry A. Lytton, Bertha Lewis and Chorus.
On The Day When I Was Wedded.
Bertha Lewis.
To Help Unhappy Commoners.
Henry A. Lytton and Bertha Lewis.
"The Yeomen of the Guard".
How Say You, Maiden, Will You Wed.
Arthur Hosking, Winifred Lawson, and George Baker.
I've Jibe and Joke.
George Baker (Baritone).
"Tis Done! I Am A Bride!
Winifred Lawson (Soprano).
"The Mikado".
Oh, Faithless One.
B. Lewis, D. Oldham, E. Griffin and Chorus.
Braid The Raven Hair.
Beatrice Elburn (Soprano) and Chorus of Girls.
8.45 p.m.—London Relay—"Books"—1. A weekly series of talks by The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Lytton, K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—Students' Songs and Sailor Songs.
The BBC's Men's Chorus conducted

by Leslie Woodgate with Joseph Farrington (Bass).
Students' songs:
There is a Tavern in the Town;
The Mermaid;
The Tarpaulin Jacket;
Little Brown Jug;
Uptide.
Sailor Songs:
Singing Johnny;
Caroline of Gosport;
Johnny Todd;
Whitechapel Road;
Whiskey Johnny;
Billy Boy.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Songs by Gracie Fields.
Do You Remember My First Love Song (film 'Queen of Hearts').
Why Did I Have To Meet You? (film 'Queen of Hearts').
Did I Remember? (film 'Suzy').
With Orchestra.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"In Town To-night".
Introducing personalities from every walk of life in interviews with Lionel Gamlin, flashes from the news of the week, and "Standing on the Corner" (Michael Standing interviews the man in the street). Edited and produced by C. F. Meehen.
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.—
Fox-Trots—
There's That Look In Your Eyes Again (film 'Head over Heels').
Smoke Dreams.
Peter Yorke and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
Slow Fox-Trot—
Let's Sing Again (from the film).
When You're In Love With Someone—Waltz.
Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.
Quickstep—
Hunkadola (George White's 'Scandals').
Fox-Trot—
According To The Moonlight (George White's 'Scandals').
Harry Rosenthal and His Orchestra.
Quickstep—
On The Isle Of Kitchymiboko.
Tango—
My Lost Love.
Henry Jacques with His Correct Dance-Tempo Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—
On A Little Bamboo Bridge.
Rainbow On The River (from the film).
Billy Bissett and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.



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♦ A K J 10 9 8 7
♣ A K J 10 9 8 7

David Burnstone, on your right dealt and bid one heart. What was your bid?

ANSWER: Your correct bid is pass. There is no future in the hand with your side as Declarer unless your partner can bid independently of you. A two-diamond overcall risks a double and large penalty. If you pass and your partner has a little strength, there is a very good chance that the opponents if left to their own devices will get to a contract they cannot make.

Score 100% for pass, 50% for two diamonds, 30% for double (takeout), 0 for one notrump.

QUESTION NO. 4

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and hold:

♠ K J 10 9 8 7
♥ A K J 10 9 8 7
♦ A K J 10 9 8 7
♣ A K J 10 9 8 7

What do you bid? (Answer

TO-DAY'S HAND

East Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
North-South 60 on score

♠ Q J 2
♥ Q J 10 4
♦ A K 5
♣ 10 8 3
♠ A 3
♥ 8 5 2
♦ Q 10 8 7
♣ K 9 8 7
♠ K J 10 9 8 7
♥ 8 5 2
♦ Q 10 8 7
♣ K 9 8 7

The bidding:

	East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥	
Dbl.	1♠	2♠	3♠	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	

A glance at North's hand, on which a vulnerable fourth-hand opening bid was made, would cause many people to shudder. But North figured that if his opponents were strong, they would have opened the bidding. Hence it seemed like a great opportunity to try to make some low contract and with it the game and rubber. East showed some spirit in doubling the opening bid, but both he and his partner felt that it behooved them to try to defeat two spades rather than attempt to sacrifice.

West opened a diamond. Dummy's King won and a low heart was played. East jumped in with the King and shifted to the Queen of clubs—a fatal play for the defence. South promptly went up with his Ace and played his remaining heart. East and West then won two more club tricks and the trump Ace, but South had made his contract and stolen the rubber.

East had entirely overlooked the vital matter of timing. After winning the first round of hearts he should have returned a diamond to remove dummy's safe re-entry. Declarer would then play another heart. East would win and now—but not before—should shift to the club Queen. Declarer would win with the Ace and try to enter dummy with the Queen of spades, but West could thwart this move by jumping from 1♥ with his Ace, thus making the diamond trick and the two club tricks would set the contract.

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AT THE ORIENTAL—"Swiss Miss" with Stan Laurel, Oliver Hardy and Della Lind. The two comedians at their funniest. The background is Switzerland where the pair get into trouble while skiing, yodelling and dancing.

AT THE STAR—"Charge Of The Light Brigade". Warner Brothers' stupendous production suggested by the immortal poem of Lord Tennyson, with an all-star cast headed by Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland, and over fifteen thousand extras.

AT THE QUEEN'S AND ADHAM-BRA—"Paris Hokeymoon", with Bing Crosby, Franciska Gaal, Shirley Ross, Edward Everett Horton, Akim Tamiroff, Ben Blue and Michael Visaroff. America's favourite troubador takes the role of a wealthy cowboy about to wed a scheming gold digger whose efforts to get a divorce from her French husband prevents her marrying the wealthy cowboy. Franciska Gaal as a winsome peasant girl who wins for herself the title of Rose Queen at the annual Rose Carnival so enchants Bing that he leaves Shirley Ross and runs away with the pretty Rose Queen.

AT THE KING'S—"Love Finds Andy Hardy", with Lewis Stone, Mickey Rooney, Cecilia Parker, Fay Holden and Judy Garland. Another of the Hardy family pictures. The predecessors have all been well received and this production is full of the laughter, heart throbs and thrills of the others.



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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1939, to FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

G. M. MANNERS,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th January, 1939.

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
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Hong Kong, 24th Jan., 1939.

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BRITISH ARMAMENT SPURT

Paris, To-day.
The British Cabinet reshuffle has aroused considerable interest here, particularly the appointment of Admiral Lord Chatfield, the new Minister for the Co-Ordination of Defence, whose mission, says "Excelsior" will be to "prepare the way for new sacrifices to be asked for from the country for the acceleration of rearmament in all spheres.—Reuter.

JAPANESE MAKE ANOTHER ERROR OVER WU PEI-FU

Peiping, To-day.

Informed Chinese circles declare that Marshal Wu Pei-fu has refused the Japanese overtures.

Japanese authorities last night warned foreign correspondents to expect an important statement at any moment.

Unofficial Japanese sources stated that this would be an official statement about Wu Pei-fu's position.

The statement, however, was not made and to-day the Japanese authorities said that it would be "delayed some days." — Reuter.

FIRE SWEEPS KOWLOON SHANTY-TOWN

A blaze that could be seen for some distance around occurred as the result of a fire which broke out among the Refugee huts in Canton Road shortly after 3.15 this morning.

Though the whole centre block was soon burning and there was a delay of 15 minutes before water was obtained, the Fire Brigade, consisting of three engines, soon had the fire under control.

Some 100 to 150 huts were destroyed but fortunately there were no casualties.

Some two hundred women and children from among those rendered homeless by the blaze are being sent to the Refugee Camp at Ma Tau Chung.

\$2,000 DAMAGE

Damage, estimated to be over \$2,000, was suffered by the inmates of the huts when their shelters and belongings were destroyed by the fire.

The fire is believed to have been caused by a spark from a furnace used by one of the inmates, a soap hawker, who was mixing soap material.

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